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This equipment, he said, would be available for the production of sound films, and would enable ship companies to use it for cinema entertainment. — *Reuter*

These are important spring-cleaning points

REMEMBER this about your vacuum cleaner: always empty the bag directly after you have used it. The less dust in the bag the more powerful is the suction. Another thing to be careful about is to have the mouth of the vacuum the right height from the floor; it should be adjusted higher for a thick pile carpet.

SOAP.—When soap is bought in large slabs, cut off large pieces; it saves your hands when scrubbing. Save your odds and ends of soap, put them in a jam jar and stand in a saucepan of hot water. When dissolved, stir in one tablespoonful of ammonia and add sufficient silver sand to make it thick. Roll into balls and let it dry and harden.

POLISHING.—A lot of elbow grease and a little polish is the best method for polishing. Here is an extra special treatment to use on your stained floors once a year. Mix together in a bottle 1/2 lb. shellac and 1/2 pint of methylated spirit. Let the mixture stand for twenty-four hours, then paint over the floor with it, using a flat brush.

You must plan all this hard WORK

It is the little things more than the actual work that make spring cleaning so much harder than it need be and give poor housewives that worn-out look that adds years to their faces and is so unbecoming.

Do a bit of planning first, and you will save yourself and your time.

First of all take a good look at your house shoes and see that they have good thick soles and are not down at heel. Have two pairs, and change them about every two hours or so. You've no idea how this little bit of forethought will save your back.

Your knees are the next things that are likely to suffer, so be sure and get a nice soft kneeling mat.

REST whenever you can spare your legs. For instance, when you clean the silver or give the glasses an extra rub sit down to it.

It is quite unnecessary to stand. Most people do because they think they have a better purchase on whatever they happen to be doing. This is a fallacy. If you are sitting in a really comfortable position, with a straight back, you have plenty of power over your work.

Don't attempt to do too much at once. Take this great overwhelming event at your leisure. Of course, the secret of this is to begin in good time. We all have a curious habit of putting off anything we dread until it jolly well has to be done because it can't be put off any more. You must make a point of doing a room a day. Then give one whole day to the stairs and another to the bath room. Once actually started, you will become so enthusiastic about spring cleaning that you won't know where to stop. You will find things you thought weren't dirty at all look positively black beside the things you have already cleaned; so then you will start in on them.

WHILE you're doing the cleaning think too of any ways you can improve the arrangement or furnishing of your house. Sometimes when I go into a room in a friend's house and cast my eye round it I cannot help thinking to myself what I should do with it if it were mine. Nine times out of ten I find it is the lampshades I would change first.

You would never think that little things like lampshades could change the whole look of a room, but they do. I was having tea with a neighbor last week just after she had done her spring cleaning. I thought

how spick and span her room looked, except for the lampshades, which were shabby beyond words. So I became the sort of best friend who often makes a worst enemy and asked her what she was going to do about them.

Oh, she said, summer is coming, so it hardly seems worth getting new ones. I entirely disagreed. After all, your shades are going to show just as much in the daytime. Have you ever tried covering your old ones?

I asked. She thought that a brilliant idea so I told her how I had done mine.

I HAD a little country cottage. Half its charm came from the fact that it faced due south and the sun came pouring in all day. But unfortunately that faded my pretty chintz curtains all down the edges nearest the window. I was miserable and had to renew them. The old ones seemed too good to throw away and yet they were too small to make chair covers or sofa covers. So I cut off the faded part and used the rest to cover my old lampshades.

If you make your own you will probably find that you have everything you need among your bits and pieces and do not have to buy a thing. If you have an old Jap silk slip

that you no longer use in your wardrobe, then buy a packet of dye the same colour as your chintz. Mix it with a little water and dip the slip in it.

Then iron it out and tear it into strips about an inch wide. Strip all the material off your old shades until you are left with the naked wire frames; then take the strips of silk and bind them round the wires (like bandaging), turning the edges in as you go.

Each time you wind, overlap the last bit that is covered. Then measure the circumference and the height of the frame, and cut your chintz accordingly. Be careful to get the design on your chintz well placed.

STITCH the top of your chintz to the binding round the top of the frame, turning it in as you go, and see that the material is stretched tightly round the frame. Then stitch the bottom of your chintz to the binding at the bottom of the frame.

When you get to where the two ends meet, cut up the slope, leaving 1/4 in. to turn in, and stitch over and over neatly, making a seam up one side. Either pipe the top and bottom with chintz or stitch a little braid round the bottom as trimming.

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THERE are still some misguided wives who almost drive their families—and themselves—to despair by their annual spring-cleans.

It's sheer madness to try and cram it all into one hectic fortnight.

You can take it in your stride, your family remaining in blissful ignorance, if you plan it carefully.

Clean only one room at a time and give yourself at least a day's rest in between each.

Don't map out an exhausting day's Clean line with paraffin—also paint—programme, and don't have a scappy lunch.

★ Dry-clean upholstered chairs by rubbing with hot bran.

If drawers stick, rub furniture polish along the edges.

Brightly-coloured carpets, worn threadbare in places, can be renovated with coloured inks to match, brushed on.



Eric Weir Complains that Women Won't LEARN TO COOK

WHY is it, Ladies, that there are so many excellent cook books flying around, and yet you do nothing about it? Do you hope to keep your man by love alone, because, if so, I am going to rush out and marry a cook—but one who is not so plain.

But first I'm going to see if I can't do something towards revolutionising your outlook.

Only last week I was wandering through my favourite bargain basement when my eyes hit a book on cooking. As a mere man, I should have passed it by with barely a nod. But it was not an ordinary book. It was one that told you how to make easy, economical little dishes from the Continent, where eating is an art and cooking a profession. So I bought it, and sent it off to my favourite aunt, who, like you, very rarely troubled to buy and digest such things.

The next I heard about that book was in an enthusiastic note from aunt herself, who had meanwhile made the resolution that Britain should no longer rule the waves on boiled beef... at least not in her house. So next time she asked me to dinner this was what we had:

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Cauliflower Soup

THIS was made with the remainder of yesterday's cauliflower, which was put into a saucepan together with two peeled, sliced potatoes and a pint of water. After boiling gently for 25 minutes, the potato slices were crushed with a fork.

Then a cupful of milk and a small pot of fresh cream were added and the soup put back on the stove to keep hot while some tiny bread crêpes were being fried in butter. When the crêpes were a golden beaten whites and pour into glasses colour, they were thrown into the set.

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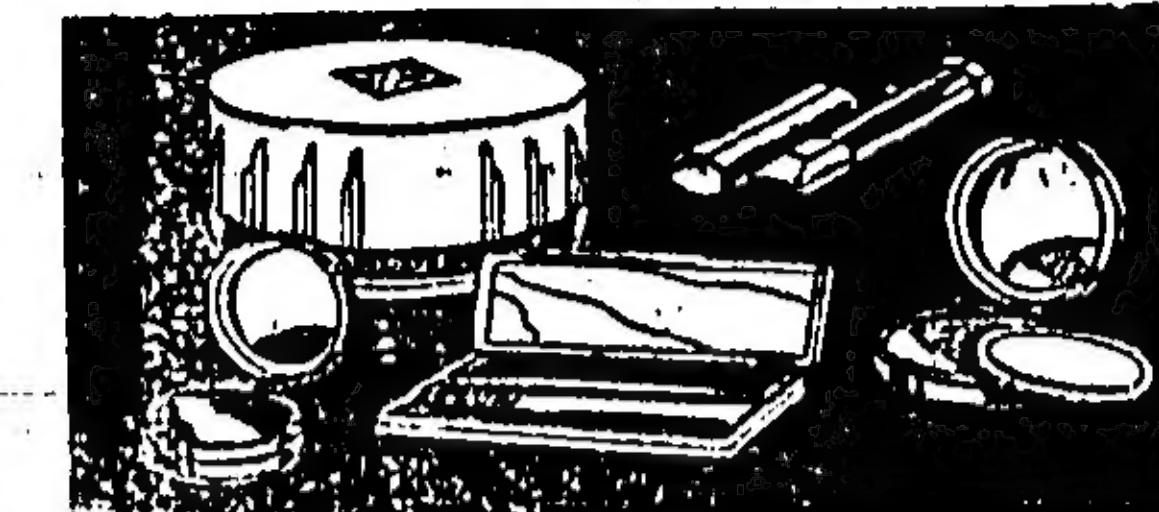
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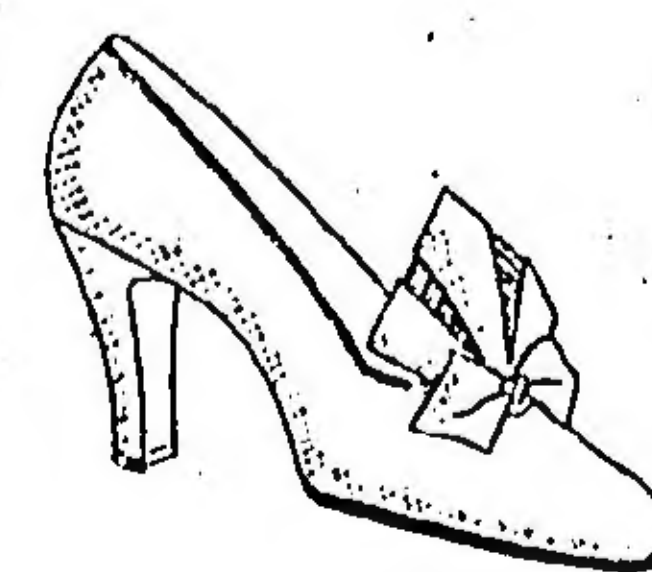
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Children Saved, Home Destroyed

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THE 24-years-old Earl of Egmont—the "Rancher Earl" who preferred life on the Canadian prairie to his ancestral Avon Castle, in Hampshire—has lost his ranch home.

It has been destroyed by fire. He and the young countess awakened just in time to rescue their three children from the blaze.

They had only a few moments to spare when they hurriedly wrapped up the children and ran through a wall of flames.

The night was bitterly cold and the family found shelter in a ranch employee's shack. Later they went to the countess's former home in Calgary.

The ranch, which "Freddie"—as the young earl insists on being known in the district—took over after his father's death, has been in the family for many years.



GOWN INSPECTION by Noel Coward and Miss Peggy Wood. She plays in his new show, "Operette," opening at the Opera House, Manchester, next Thursday.

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Huge Armies In Europe

Here are the strengths of armies in Europe:—
Germany.—800,000, with 120,000 more to be added.
Britain.—Regular Army, 199,000; reserves, 150,500.
Territorials, 159,000. Total, 508,500.
France.—690,000, with reserves of 4,000,000.
Russia.—1,500,000.
Italy.—1,300,000.
Poland.—280,000.

Girl's Claim To Huge Fortune

New York.
BRIGHT-EYED, nineteen-year-old Olga Zaharoff recently laid claim in a Boston court to "the \$50,000,000 fortune" of Sir Basil Zaharoff, reputed to have been the world's greatest munitions agent. Sir Basil died in France in November 1936.

Olga waved documentary evidence to prove that she is a grandniece of Sir Basil. She is still studying at Boston University.

The will of Sir Basil, leaving her his fortune, has disappeared, she said.

Eight years ago she visited him at his Paris estate. He told her he planned to leave her his money.

LEFT NO WILL.
Olga said her father's brother, Basil Zaharoff, is now fighting in the French courts for her interests.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kuzma Zaharoff, fled from Russia before the revolution, according to Olga.

Sir Basil, she added, was an officer in the Russian Army before his war. He married young, but his wife and baby girl died. When Olga was born, Sir Basil took "the greatest interest" in her.

England was valued at £193,103. He was said to have given away the greater part of his fortune ten years ago.

His stepdaughters said his property in France was worth only £100,000. French law does not compel publication of the value of estates.

£100 Weekly To Lord Warwick

Los Angeles.
The Earl of Warwick, under the name of Michael Brooke, has signed a new long-term contract with Paramount. It is stated here recently.

It is believed to be for at least three years at more than £100 a week.

The contract specifies that Lord Warwick be exploited under his screen name only.

"GOOD SCREEN MATERIAL."
Officials of Paramount said that his work in a supporting role in "Bull-Head Drummond's Peril" led them to believe that he was good screen material.—British United Press.

The Earl of Warwick recently lost an action against Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, with whom he was formerly under contract. He claimed £1,000 for services and £200 transportation for himself and valet. He went to Hollywood in 1936 to be trained as a film star.

Recently he came to England, leaving again for Hollywood a few days ago after his marriage had been dissolved.

100th Anniversary Of Polar "Cruise"

By Otto Janssen

United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON.
THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES' NAVAL EXPLORING EXPEDITION, COMMANDED BY LIEUTENANT CHARLES WILKES, TO BE CELEBRATED THIS YEAR WILL REMIND THE WORLD OF MANY UNSETTLED CONTROVERSIES CONCERNING THE DISCOVERY AND OWNERSHIP OF THE VAST ANTARCTIC CONTINENT.

Explorers of a dozen countries have visited the great frozen land at the bottom of the world, and claims to large areas have been made by or in behalf of Great Britain, Norway, France and the United States. The United States government, however, has not finally and officially recognised any foreign claims, nor waived its own. The problem is vexed because discovery has never been followed by permanent occupation.

United States' interest in the Antarctic had its inception August 18, 1838, when Wilkes, commanding six vessels, sailed from Hampton Roads for an extended cruise that took him around South America, twice into the waters around Antarctica, and twice across the Pacific.

The expedition reached Rio de Janeiro late in November and remained there until January 6, 1839 when it sailed for Orange Harbour at the southernmost tip of South America. From this port several of the ships made a brief excursion into Antarctic waters but were forced to return to warmer waters because of fog and heavy ice.

The ships left their Orange Harbour base and arranged to meet in Valparaiso. Only five arrived, however. The tender Sea Gull ran into a gale shortly after leaving the base and went to the bottom with all hands. Another vessel, the slow-sailing store-ship Relief, was ordered to return home, reducing the squadron to four.

After visiting the port of Callao, the expedition started across the Pacific. A month was spent surveying the Low Archipelago in mid-Pacific and temporary observatories were established on various islands.

At one of the islands, Clermont de Tonnerre, a landing party from the expedition encountered unfriendly natives. Wilkes subdued them by ordering his men to fire mustard-seed at their legs. This was the first of a series of incidents with natives that brought sharp criticism of Wilkes and resulted, among other things, in his being court-martialed upon his return home.

The ships visited Tahiti and then proceeded to the Samoan Islands. Temporary headquarters were established at Tutuila. After stops at a number of small islands, the vessels sailed for Sydney, Australia, which was to be their base for the second Antarctic expedition. They arrived at Sydney Island in November, 1839, and after hasty preparations departed the day after Christmas for the far south. One of the tenders was forced to turn back shortly after the departure because of the heavy ice.

CAUGHT IN ICE JAM

The three remaining ships pushed on despite the constant danger of being crushed by icebergs. The night came when the vessel Porpoise was forced to turn back shortly after the departure because of the heavy ice.

Three days later, all three vessels reported they had sighted land. They tried desperately to get closer but the ice barrier blocked their path.

Another vessel, the Peacock, was forced out of the search when she was caught in an ice jam which broke her rudder and caused other serious injuries. She limped into Sydney February 21 in a "shattered and sinking condition."

The two remaining vessels, the Vincennes and Porpoise, persisted. On January 30 the Vincennes sighted land which Wilkes named Pinet's Bay. One naval commentator wrote that the "name of Antarctic Continent was now for the first time given to the newly-found land."

At the same time Wilkes was in this region, a French naval expedition under Captain de la Vaisseau M. J. Dumont d'Urville was carrying on a result of examination of the ship's logs carried by both men contend d'Urville sighted land in the Antarctic which he called Adelle Land—on the same day that it was seen by Wilkes' expedition 400 miles to the east. It is also held in some quarters that the Frenchman saw what he called Cote Charlie the day before it was sighted by the American explorers.

Rear Admiral J. E. Pillsbury, in a copyrighted article for the U.S. Naval Institute publication, claimed d'Urville failed to change his calendar when he crossed the International Date Line, making his log read one day ahead of the actual date.

Pillsbury contended d'Urville sighted Adelle Land the day after it was discovered by Wilkes and that the French officer saw Cote Charlie the same day but at a later hour than it was sighted by Wilkes.

To further complicate matters, Captain J. C. Ross of the British Navy, in a report of his voyage in the same region, ignored Wilkes' claims and reputedly reflected upon the American officer's veracity. Wilkes countered with the charge that Ross had willfully copied from a chart which he had given the Britisher when they met at Sydney, bases of both expeditions.

WILKES COURT MARTIALED

The crowning blow came when Wilkes, upon his return to the United States, was court-martialed on charges of exceeding his authority, illegally punishing subordinates, being unnecessarily harsh and falsifying his claims. Regarding the latter charge, several of Wilkes' sailors charged he "doctored" his accounts relating to the discovery of land.

Wilkes was vindicated on all charges except that of illegal punishment of subordinates, for which he was reprimanded. It is a matter of record, however, that Wilkes was a domineering individual who ruled with a firm hand.

After visits to the Fiji Islands and Malulu, where there was trouble with natives, the Expedition sailed for Hawaii and after a visit there headed for the American coast, where it arrived near the mouth of the Columbia River on May 2, 1841. Two of the ships went up the river to explore. The third ship, the Peacock, was to follow but failed to arrive. It was learned later that she was wrecked at the mouth of the river. All hands escaped, however.

From the North American coast the ships returned to Hawaii stopping at Honolulu. The expedition returned home by way of the China Sea, Manila and Singapore, arriving in New York Harbour in July, 1842.

Although the expedition, from the standpoint of scientific discovery and exploration, was one of the most important and thorough ever undertaken by the United States, it has remained obscure in history. More than 280 islands were surveyed, 800 miles of the coast and streams of Oregon were traversed and 1,500 miles of land on the Antarctic Continent were "laid down."

The expedition supplies some of the most complete maps ever drawn. Botanical and geologic specimens, accounts of native customs and drawings of little-known places were brought back to form an important part of this country's scientific data.

Wilkes, before his death, was generally upheld in this country, in his claims. In many maps, including one published by the British Admiralty, a portion of Antarctica is labeled Wilkes Land. Nevertheless, the map claims this area was discovered by a British expedition.

More Wealth In United Kingdom

860 Persons In Britain With
Incomes Over £30,000

There were more millionaires in Great Britain and Northern Ireland during the financial year 1935-36 than during the preceding three years.

The Commissioners of the Inland Revenue, in their report for the year ended March 31, 1937, show that the number of persons assessed for Sur-tax—incomes exceeding £2,000—on September 30, 1937, based on the 1935-36 figures, was 86,951, with a total income of £2,448,525,500. The net tax assessed was £52,953,584, the highest since 1931-32.

Of these, 860 may be classed as millionaires, having incomes exceeding £30,000 a year.

In 1934-35 the number was 842; in 1933-34 it was 783; and in 1932-33 it was 800.

The 1935-36 total consisted of:—
Income £30,000 to £40,000 340
£40,000 to £50,000 180
£50,000 to £75,000 178
£75,000 to £100,000 71
Above £100,000 85

The estimated gross income for Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the financial year 1936-37 was £3,530,000,000, the highest shown in the report, which gives the figures back to 1927-28. For the previous year it was £3,372,043,180, of which Scotland's share was £251,899,588.

The number of individuals entirely relieved from tax by the operation of allowances was 4,950,000; again the highest total in the list, while those chargeable with tax numbered 3,450,000, making an aggregate of 8,400,000, or 300,000 more than the previous year when the record set up in 1931-32 was equalled.

Estate liable to Estate Duty in 1936-37 numbered 147,820, of which 18,981 were in Scotland.

Income-tax for Great Britain and Northern Ireland yielded £227,038,070 net, against a Budget estimate of £259,000,000. The net receipt from Scotland was £214,880,751.



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"Riviera King" Jailed As International Swindler

COCOS Island treasure; real estate coups in the south of France; a bogus international "bank"—these are spectacular pages from the career of William Henry Billil Quilliam, one-time "King of the Riviera" and dealer in millions, who at 52 finds himself in gaol.

Quilliam, a retired solicitor, was sentenced at the Old Bailey recently to two years' imprisonment for conspiring to defraud people parting with money to Heilbut Symons and Co., Ltd., and obtaining money by false pretences.

Two accomplices, Charles Frederick Davies, aged 51, a Harrow clerk, received four months' imprisonment, and Joseph Jacques Leon Helon, aged 38, merchant, 12 months.

The trial had lasted eight days, and it was alleged by the prosecution that the firm conducted a scheme for financing business abroad which was a new and dangerous form of fraud.

It was said that the company circularised firms in Palestine, the United States, India, Canada, and European countries offering loans of from £25,000 to £500,000. About £25,000 was obtained, but no loans were issued.

Quilliam's big-business genius was his downfall. He had a head for figures and company-making, including hunting for pirate treasure on the Cocos Islands.

Ironed Himself For Rheumatism

It was stated at a Hammersmith inquest that William John Carter, aged 80, a former bootmaker, of Dieppe Street, Fulham, treated himself for rheumatism by:

Rubbing his limbs with paraffin and

Ironing himself with an ordinary household flat-iron.

He was found semi-conscious on the floor of his room, and taken to hospital, where he died next day.

Recording a verdict of death by misadventure, the Deputy coroner (Mr. W. R. H. Heddy) said that Carter died from shock due to extensive burns, the case being very extraordinary, since there was no evidence of the man having come into contact with any flame.

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Hot paraffin wax (not oil) is another widely used and comforting application. The affected part is immersed in it or the wax may be tamped over with a brush.

Carter seems to have tried to combine the two methods. If he used oil instead of wax the iron may easily have been hot enough to ignite it.

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New York, Apr. 6.
S. C. & F. Dow Jones summary of yesterday's markets:

The market to-day brightened on better automobile news, with an estimate of the week's output showing a rise of 18%, which is the largest for any week since January. The magazine "Iron Age" estimates steel production at 32.5% of capacity. A decline in car-loadings is indicated, although it is expected that the bumper winter wheat crop will aid carloaders. There is increased pressure on the part of the Administration to encourage business, while the seasonal rise in steel production is also a favourable factor. Buying, however, is faltering, the market being worried by the French crisis. Gasoline stocks again show an increase.

S. C. & F. New York correspondent cables:

Stocks: The abrupt reversal of yesterday's up-trend is an unfortunate indication, but the light volume of business indicates absence of selling pressure. **Cotton:** The poor mill situation and Bombay selling on differences continue to be depressing factors. The "Journal of Commerce" average estimate shows a total of 26,500,000 acres. **Wheat:** There is some belief that the fine crop outlook has discounted the view of a possible change before harvest, but reports continue excellent. It is reported that the action of May position on the Winnipeg market is attracting the attention of Exchange Officials. **Corn:** Heavy exports are awaiting the opening of lake navigation on April 15th. **Rubber:** Moderate factory interest is reported. Business in C.I.F. is small and prices are firmly held. **Sugar:** The market to-day was quiet, although there was some scattered liquidation.

Dow Jones Averages:
April 5. Close
30 Industrials 108.30 106.20
20 Rails 21.45 20.20
20 Utilities 17.42 17.05
40 Bonds 85.15 84.87
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Oct.	8.63/03	8.60/60
Dec.	8.65/06	8.63/63
Jan. (1939)	8.68/08	8.65/65
Mar. (1939)	8.71/71	8.69/69
Spot		8.53

The First Notice Day for May Cotton is April 25.

New York Rubber		
	Opening	Closing
May	11.15/24	11.09/10
July	11.29/29	11.26/26
Sept.	11.37/37	11.40/40
Dec.	11.63/60	11.61/61
Jan.		11.67/67

Sales for the day:—2,270 tons.

Chicago Wheat		
	81 1/4/81 1/2	81 1/4/81 1/2
May	70 1/4/70 1/2	70 1/4/70 1/2
July		70 1/4/70 1/2
Sept.		70 1/4/70 1/2

Tuesday's Sales:—23,045,000 bushels.

July	61 1/8/61	61 1/8/61 1/2
Oct.		61 1/2/61 1/2
Winnipeg Wheat		
May	121 1/8/122 1/4	123 1/8/123 3/4
July	109	109 3/8/109 7/8
Oct.		80 3/4/80 7/8

Winnipeg Wheat

	121 1/2/122 1/4	123 1/4/123 1/2
May	109 1/8/109 1/4	109 1/8/109 1/4
July		109 1/8/109 1/4
Oct.		109 1/8/109 1/4

MASS FOR CHINA'S SUFFERERS TO BE SAID IN LONDON

At the invitation of Cardinal Hinsley Bishop Yu Ping, Vicar-Apostolic at Nanking, will celebrate Mass in Westminster Cathedral on April 8 for suffering Catholics in China and for world peace. Members of the Diplomatic Corps may be present.—*Reuter*.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-Ninth Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 12th day of April, 1938, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1937.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 1st APRIL, 1938, to TUESDAY, the 12th APRIL, 1938, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. C. T. BECK,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1938.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, 13th APRIL, 1938, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1937, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 26th MARCH to 13th APRIL, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, 13th APRIL, 1938, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1937, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 26th MARCH to 13th APRIL, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 13th APRIL, 1938, at 11.25 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1937, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 26th MARCH to 13th APRIL, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

AMBASSADOR TO FLY TO CHINA'S CAPITAL, APRIL 9

Hankow, Apr. 6.
The British Ambassador is proceeding to Chungking by air on April 9 to present his credentials.—*United Press*.

NAVAL EXPERT RECALLED

Washington, Apr. 6.
The Senate Naval Committee has recalled Admiral Leahy, who testified that extra Panama Canal defences would be valuable.—*United Press*.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY—THERAPION No. 1 THERAPION No. 2 THERAPION No. 3
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Stock Market Sentiment Now Firmer

The London Stock Exchange showed an early dullness to-day, due to lack of confirmation of favourable rumours circulating overnight, but this quickly yielded to a better sentiment, resulting in general net gains.

Gilt-edged holding were firm, though they closed below the best.

Among the commodities, cocoa was weak, heavy liquidation following unconfirmed rumours that a Gold Coast hold-up had broken down.

Wall Street was easier.—*United Press*.

CONCERT IN AID OF WAR VICTIMS

A concert in aid of the Hongkong Students' Relief Association will be held to-morrow and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Hongkong University, under the patronage of the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Lo and Mr. D. J. Sloss, Chancellor. The entire proceeds will be used to purchase medical supplies for war relief work.

An interesting programme has been arranged, including selections by the Chinese Philharmonic Orchestra; violin solos by Mr. Ma Si-hon; vocal selections by Mr. Li Chor-chi; popular Hawaiian music by Mr. Andrew Chan and his Hawaiian Troubadours; Chinese music by Mr. Wan Tse-chung; pianoforte solo by Mrs. R. Ching and tap-dancing by Miss Leung Chor-wu.

Tickets may be had at Messrs. Tsang Fook Piano Co. or at the University on the nights of the concert.

TAIERCHWANG LOSSES GAIN RAPIDLY

(Continued from Page 1.)

the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway, yesterday morning.

More than 100 Chinese women and children refugees in the village were escorted to places of safety after the recapture.

It is reported that following a fierce battle, in which bayonets were freely used, the Chinese captured Lion Hill in the vicinity of Sinkiao, north of Fuyang, yesterday. As a result, the Chinese troops now command the highway between Hangchow and Fuyang.

It is also learned that having gained a foothold at Haiyen, Chinese guerrillas are now vigorously pushing towards Pinghu, north of Chaochow.

Altogether eight Japanese warships are now anchored off Chaochow, three of them destroyers.—*Central News*.

Chinese Pushing Northward

Lini, Apr. 7.
After repulsing a Japanese onslaught yesterday, Chinese forces at the Lini sector are now rapidly pushing northward.

Throughout yesterday, the Japanese directed gunfire at the Chinese positions in that sector, but the Chinese troops stubbornly stood their ground.—*Central News*.

INCOME-TAX CONCESSIONS FOR U.S. BUSINESSMEN

Washington, Apr. 6.
The Senate Finance Committee today voted for a committee amendment to the Revenue Bill, under which the Bill will waive penalties for interest on disputed income-tax claims against American business men in the Philippines from 1917 to 1920, but it will require payment of principle.—*United Press*.

Inch Of Rain Mighty

Fort Worth, Tex.
A 1-inch rain brings 113 tons of water to an acre of ground, Paul Cook, U. S. weather forecaster, told a civic club here. Moreover, Cook said, 10,000,000 tons of moisture—rain and snow—is the average precipitation the world over for each second of the day and night.—*United Press*.

EXCHANGE RATES

	April 4.	April 5.
Paris	160 1/2	161
Geneva	21.64 1/2	21.64 1/2
Berlin	12.50 1/4	12.37 1/4
Athens	54 1/2	54 1/2
Milan	94 1/2	94 1/2
Oslo	10.00	10.00
Copenhagen	22.40	22.40
Stockholm	10.40	10.40
Helsingfors	22.0 1/2	22.0 1/2
Shanghai	1 1/2	1 1/2
New York	4.90 1/2	4.90 1/2
Vienna	20 1/2	20 1/2
Amsterdam	8.00 1/2	8.00 1/2
Prague	142 1/2	142 1/2
Madrid	Nom.	Nom.
Lisbon	110 1/2	110 1/2
Hongkong	1 1/2 1/3	1 1/2 1/3
Bombay	1 1/4 1/4	1 1/4 1/4
Montreal	4.00 1/2	4.00 1/2
Brussels	29.50 1/2	29.47 1/2
Yokohama	1 1/2	1 1/2
Belgrade	217	217
Bucharest	67 1/4	67 1/4
Montevideo	20 1/4	19 1/4
Rio de Janeiro	21 1/2	21 1/2
Silver (Spot)	10 1/4	10 1/4
Silver (forward)	18 1/4	18 1/4
War Loan	102 1/4	107 1/4

—*British Wireless*.

POST OFFICE.

AIR MAIL LETTERS

Air mail letters may be posted in the ordinary posting boxes. They should be clearly marked "By Air Mail" and bear sufficient postage. Insufficiently prepaid letters may be taxed with double the deficiency or forwarded by Steamer Service, at the discretion of the Post Office.

AIR MAIL SERVICES

Air Mail Services to Shanghai, Nanking, Tientsin, and Peking are temporarily suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

VIA SIBERIA ROUTE

Letters and Parcels for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Date
Haliphong	Canton	April 7.
Tientsin	Chenglu	April 7.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., 19th March)	Emp. of Asia	April 7.
Rabaul	Friderun	April 7.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 30th March	Imperial Airways Plane	April 7.
Straits	Isar	April 7.
Swatow	Ninghai	April 7.
Manila	Potsdam	April 7.
Amoy	Shirala	April 7.
Java and Manila	Tjinegara	April 7.
Japan	Dakar Maru	April 8.
Japan and Shanghai	Hakusan Maru	April 8.
Bangkok and Swatow	Kalgan	April 8.
Japan	Kanishima Maru	April 8.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Francisco date, 11th March)	M/V Shantung	April 8.
Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers) London date, 10th March	Pres. Pierce	April 8.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 1st April	Kashima Maru	April 9.
Shanghai and Amoy	Pan-American Airways Plane	April 9.
Japan	Taiyuan	April 9.
Straits and Manila	Taihybius	April 9.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 2nd April	Victoria	April 9.
Amoy	Imperial Airways Plane	April 10.
Singon	Tjisalak	April 10.
Japan	G. C. Paul Dumir	April 11.
Australia and Manila	Hakodati Maru	April 11.
Shanghai	Changate	April 12.
Calcutta and Straits	Glengarry	April 12.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London date, 10th March	Santhia	April 12.
London date, 10th March	Corfu	April 13.
Straits and Manila	Deucalion	April 13.
Java	Soudan	April 13.
Tjinegara	Tjinegara	April 13.
Japan and Shanghai	Jean Laborde	April 14.
Japan	Kidderpore	April 14.
Singon	D'Artagnan	April 15.
Japan and Shanghai	Ranpura	April 15.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Thursday		
Manila, Saigon, Bangkok, *Straits, Boissevain	Thurs., Apr. 7, 3.30 p.m.	
*Batavia, Mauritius, Reunion, Madagascar, Lourenco Marques and South Africa.		
Tientsin	Hermod	Tues., Apr. 7, 5 p.m.
Friday		
Samsui and Wuchow	Konosu	Fri., Apr. 8, 8.15 a.m.
Shanghai	Potsdam	Fri., Apr. 8, 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Stan, Lanchow and Chenglu, etc. (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).	Eurasia Plane	Fri., Apr. 8.
Kongmoon	Reg.	Apr. 8, 9 a.m.
Swatow and *Shanghai	Ord.	Apr. 8, 9.30 a.m.
*Swatow, *Shanghai and Tientsin.	On Lee	Fri., Apr. 8, 10 a.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Victoria B.C.—due Victoria B.C., 28th April and *Europe via Siberia	Kingyuan	Fri., Apr. 8, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Kwalsang	Fri., Apr. 8, 12.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. McKinley	Fri., Apr. 8.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Service"—due Amsterdam, 19th April.	Parcels	Apr. 8, Noon.
	Reg.	Apr. 8, 1.45 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 8, 2.30 p.m.
	Haitan	Fri., Apr. 8, 3 p.m.
	Emp. of Asia	Fri., Apr. 8, 3.30 p.m.
	Hakusan Maru	Fri., Apr. 8.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Apr. 8, 4.30 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 8, 5 p.m.
	Hakusan Maru	Fri., Apr. 8.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Apr. 8, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 8, 5.30 p.m.
	C.N.A.C. Plane	Fri., Apr. 8.
	K. F. O.	
	Reg.	Apr. 8, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 8, 5 p.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Reg.	Apr. 8, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 9, 6 a.m.
Saturday		
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Imperial Direct Service"—due London, 17th April	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Sat., Apr. 9.
	Reg.	Apr. 9, 8 a.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 9, 9 a.m.
Air Mail for "Australia by Imperial Airways Service"—due Darwin, 13th April	Imperial Airways Plane	Sat., Apr. 9.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Apr. 9, 8 a.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 9, 9 a.m.
Amyot and Foochow (via Amyot).. Shanghai	Tjinegara	Sat., Apr. 9, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow and Amyot	Victoria	Sat., Apr. 9, 9.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Cremor	Sat., Apr. 9, 10.30 a.m.
	Hosang	Sat., Apr. 9.
	Parcels	Apr. 9, 11 a.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 9, Noon.
Fort Bayard and Haiphong	Canton	Sat., Apr. 9, 2 p.m.
Formosa, Shanghai and Japan	Kashima Maru	Sat., Apr. 9, 3.30 p.m.
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kanchow	Sat., Apr. 9, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 17th April	Hono-Pan-American Airways Plane	Sat., Apr. 9.
	K. F. O.	
	Reg.	Apr. 9, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 9, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	Apr. 9, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 10, 6 a.m.
Sunday		
Swatow, *Amyot and Foochow	Selston	Sun., Apr. 10, 9 a.m.
Amyot and Shanghai	Taiyunn	Sun., Apr. 10, 9 a.m.
Tientsin	Ninghai	Sun., Apr. 10, 9 a.m.
Monday		
Tientsin	Hupei	Mon., Apr. 11, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow and Shanghai	Klungchow Mon.	Apr. 11, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Shanghai and Tientsin	Taksang	Mon., Apr. 11, 3.30 p.m.
Tuesday		
*Swatow, Foochow and Tientsin	Chenglu	Tues., Apr. 12, 8.30 a.m.
Batavia and Sourabaya	Tjialak	Tues., Apr. 12, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow and Shanghai	Kwangtung Ties.	Apr. 12, 10.30 a.m.
Honolulu, U.S.A., *Canada, Central and South America and *Europe via San Francisco—Due San Francisco, 4th May.	President Pierce	Tues., Apr. 12.
	Par.	Apr. 12, 3 p.m.
	Reg.	Apr. 12, 4.15 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 12, 5 p.m.
Wednesday		
Swatow and Bangkok	Kalgan	Wed., Apr. 13, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Soochow	Wed., Apr. 13, 3.30 p.m.

JAPANESE REPORTED IN RETREAT

Severe Casualties At Taiherchwang

Tsaohsien, Apr. 6. Following fierce street fighting in which more than 300 Japanese soldiers were killed, the Japanese in a district near Chan sing, south-west of Tainan, are retreating northward, with the Chinese closely in pursuit.

In the Kiangsiang sector, west of Tainan, no serious fighting has occurred during the last two days.—Central News.

OIL RESERVE BLOWN UP

Hanchow, Apr. 6. Dealing another blow to the Japanese invaders at Taiherchwang, the Chinese air force, in a concentrated raid on the Japanese positions, blew up the enemy oil reservoir yesterday. According to this morning's message received from the Taiherchwang front, the activities of the Japanese mechanized units have slackened down since yesterday, apparently due to the shortage of gasoline to run their motors.

The Japanese forces operating on the Taiherchwang front, the message further states, are completely fired out following nearly two weeks' grueling test with the Chinese defenders. Their fighting spirit is now described as at its ebb.

Meantime, heavy fighting continues unabated at several sectors on the Taiherchwang front.

Following several hours' exchange of concentrated artillery fire between the Chinese and Japanese forces yesterday morning, Chinese troops at Huanglingchwang, south-east of Taiherchwang, turned the flank of the Japanese assault and finally silenced the Japanese guns. Seven hundred Japanese were estimated to have been killed by the Chinese forces during the encounter.

Throughout the artillery duel yesterday, the Chinese forces were effectively assisted by a squadron of planes which rained tons of explosive missiles on the Japanese line.—Central News.

JAPANESE CLAIMS

Shanghai, Apr. 6. A Dom-i message from Peking states that Japanese troops this morning reached a point 18 miles north of Hanchow, despite fierce resistance. They claimed that a Japanese detachment is mopping up isolated Chinese units in the vicinity of Taiherchwang Railway Station. They said that new battles started last night north-east of Taiherchwang.—United Press.

BUTCHERY CONTINUES

Hanchow, Apr. 6. Continuing their relentless assault on the Japanese troops at the Taiherchwang front, the Chinese forces in repeated onslaughts against the enemy line yesterday afternoon and last night have again claimed more

Long Standing Interest In Chinese Company

Financier Explains Charged Position

Shanghai, April 6. Mr. William Hunt told the United Press correspondent:

"The William Hunt Company has taken possession of the property and operations of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company Ltd. in pursuance of sundry agreements of long standing. The agreements were made many months—in fact years—ago in connection with the re-administration of the Company in pursuance of financial facilities made available through the William Hunt interests."

The Sino-Japanese hostilities have forced the William Hunt interests to act in order to preserve their heavy financial engagements and interests, and it is a matter for regret that the China Merchants Company has been unable to continue its programme of reorganisation which commenced following an agreement reached early in 1936.

"The Company will operate under its own name and the China Foreign Steamship Corporation—a Hunt entity—which is not concerned with the operation and management of any former China Merchants vessels. In a word, we are now doing publicly what we have been doing privately for the past two years."—United Press.

than 1,000 Japanese lives, according to a telephone message received here at noon to-day.

Unable to maintain their line in face of the concentrated Chinese attack, the Japanese forces have been forced to retreat to a cluster of small villages several miles to the east, north-east and north of Taiherchwang. At Huanglingchwang, the Chinese forces continue to gain the upper hand against the surrounded Japanese forces who are fighting a desperate battle to break through the Chinese cordon.

The Japanese position at this small village is gradually shrinking to a precarious toehold.

The Chinese command has ordered the complete annihilation of the Japanese remnant forces before the arrival of their reinforcements.—Central News.

IRREGULARS SURRENDER

Hanchow, Apr. 6. A unit of Japanese-employed irregulars, under the command of Chang Jui-kai, operating in south-east Shantung, has surrendered to the Chinese.

The unit, comprising 18 officers and 1,335 soldiers, has now arrived at Hanchow, the eastern terminus of the Lunghai Railway, to be reorganised.—Central News.

JAPAN DODGES NOTE ON ISSUE OF FATE OF HONGKEW AREA

Shanghai, Apr. 6.

The Japanese Consul-General's reply to the Shanghai Municipal Council's note regarding Japanese demands for the International Settlement was handed to the S.M.C. to-day.

The reply is regarded as conciliatory in character and designed to leave the door open for further negotiation.

With regard to the Council's polite rejection of the Japanese demands for increased personnel in the administrative departments of the Council and also for the appointment of a Japanese to the Council Secretariat, the reply states that the Japanese regret that the Council has not acceded to these requests, but hopes that it will accede at some later date, when things become more normal and finances are better.

BRITISH INTERESTS SECURE

London, Apr. 6.

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, answering Mr. G. R. Strauss (Lab., Lambeth), said that British interests in Hongkong and South China had not been seriously interfered with by the Japanese hostilities. Certain matters had been adjusted, but there was no general understanding.—Our Own Correspondent.

ESCALATOR CLAUSE

Japan Not to Reply to Anglo-American Notes

Tokyo, Apr. 6. The Japanese Government will not reply to the British and American notes informing Japan that these countries have invoked the escalator clause of the Treaty of London, it is semi-officially learned to-day. The reason for this, it is pointed out, is because no answer is considered necessary.—Reuter.

ENGLISH RACING

London, Apr. 6. Solar Flower, carrying even betting odds, won the Column Produce Stakes to-day. Schinparelli, 9

to 2, was second, and The Siren, 20 to 1, was third. Six ran in the race. Solar Flower won by two lengths. Five lengths separated second and third.—Reuter.

SNATCHER ATTACKS FOREIGN WOMAN

Servant Answers Call For Help

A daring highway robbery, with a European woman as the victim, was attempted by a Chinese outside Austin Avenue, opposite Clarendon Hotel, shortly before 8 p.m. yesterday.

The victim was Mrs. R. E. Spencer, who lives in Jubilee Apartments, Austin Avenue. She was on her way home when she was attacked by a Chinese, who threw pepper into her face, at the same time endeavouring to snatch away the handbag she was carrying. Though temporarily blinded, Mrs. Spencer put up a plucky resistance and called for help. Her call was answered by a servant boy, who dashed out from Austin Avenue and caught hold of the culprit before he could run away.

It was learned from the Police last night that the robber, whose name was not given, would be charged at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day.

RADIO BROADCAST

(Continued from Page 7.)

8.03 Light Variety. Comedian with—In A Paradise For Two (From the Film); Orchestra. When You Hear Music (From 'Paradise For Two'). ... Jack Hulbert. Cinema Organ—Irving Berlin Memories. ... Al Bollington at the Organ of the Paramount Theatre. London: Vocal—Must I Tell (Folk Song); How Can It Be (Folk Song). ... Comedy. Hamlets: Dance. Orch.—Hill. Lips—Fox-Trot; Ain't Misbehavin'—Fox-Trot; ... Quintette Of The Hot Club Of France—Django Reinhardt (Guitar), Stephano Grappelly (Violin).

8.30 London Relay—'At The Black Dog'.

Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour. Presented by Pascoe Thornton and S. E. Reynolds.

9.00 Musical Comedy. Porgy and Bess—Selection (G. Gershwin). ... Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans—Vocalists: Anne Ziegler and Webster Booth; The Town Talks—Selection (V. Ellis). ... Vaudeville Theatre Orchestra with Donald Stewart cond. by Dennis van Thal.

9.15 London Relay—'World Affairs'. A talk by H. Wickham Steed.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Mozart—Symphony No. 29 in A Major.

Played by the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham.

10.15 Songs by Maria Muller (Soprano). ... Traume (Wagner); I'm Treibhaus (Wagner).

10.24 Light Orchestra. Variety And Dance Music.

Orch.—Karella Suite, Op. 11—Intermezzo (Sibelius)—Alla Marcia.

... London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Walter Gockley.

Vocal—The Sunshine Of Your Smile (Cookin' Ray); Come Sing To Me (Thompson). ... Derek Oldham (Tenor); Orch.—Southern Skies (Kunneke); Red Lips (Kotscher).

... Barnabas Von Geeszy and His Orch.; Orch.—The First Time I Saw You—Fox Trot (From 'Toast Of New York'); Gone With The Wind—Fox-Trot (From the Film). ... Roy Fox and His Orchestra, vocal refrain by Denny Dennis; Orch.—It's a Rainy Day (From 'The Natural Thing To Do')—Fox-Trot (The Natural Thing To Do); The Moon Got In My Eyes—Fox-Trot.

... Roy Fox and His Orchestra, vocal refrain by Denny Dennis.

11.0 Close Down.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir—I have read with profound admiration your leading article of the 5th inst. entitled "China Stands Alone But Not United", particularly those references to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek. It is so truly and excellently written that no reasonable man will dare to challenge the same.

A few days ago Hitler said that on the day of the Austrian Plebiscite he would be the leader of the greatest army in the world's history. On the day when the Kuomintang Congress conferred the title of Dictatorship on the Generalissimo he could have said: "On this eventful day you have chosen me as the leader of a brave people now fighting against an army of marauders." There is now no need for the Japanese to bring the Chinese soldiers to their knees. Just bring the Generalissimo to his knees and the war will be over and the great Chinese Republic will be another Korea. But the Japanese have no more chance of bringing Marshal Chiang to his knees than they have of forcing Lord Halifax to surrender Hongkong to Japan so that the present local Consul-General may become the first Mayor of Wanchow or even the first Governor-General of "the Gibraltar of the Far East."

Now that we are fighting as a united nation under the leadership of one of the greatest military geniuses of modern times, Japanese may come and go but Chinese resistance will go on forever. Japanese may destroy all our big cities and all our property, but not our souls. Let us suppose the proportion of men killed in the war will be five Chinese to every one Japanese, then by the time three hundred and fifty millions Chinese are killed there will not be a single Japanese alive on the face of this Good Earth.

PRO PATRIA.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 12.30 p.m. yesterday reads:

Market continues quiet and steady.

Buyers

Bank of East Asia \$93.
H.K. Land \$30.
China Underwriters \$2.
Douglases \$50 ex div.
H.K. Steamships \$17.
Provident (New) \$32½.
Rauha \$3.10.
H. & S. Hotels \$6.00.
H.K. Land 4% Debentures \$100.
Chinese Estates \$17 ex div.
H.K. Tramways \$12½.
Peak Tram (Old) \$7.
Star Ferries \$35.
H.K. Electric \$30½.
Telephones (New) \$10.10.
Cements \$17.70.
Dairy Farm \$14.
Wing On (H.K.) \$40.
Wm. Powell, Ltd. \$0.70.
Contributions \$16.
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan 3½ pm.
Maramans (H.K.) 3/10.
*Sales to Shanghai.

Sellers

H.K. Land \$35½.
Yaumatt Ferries \$27½.
China Lights (Old) \$12.
Cements \$17.20.

SALES

Union Insurance \$330.
Provident (Old) \$320/324.
H.K. Mines \$0.10.
H. & S. Hotels \$6.25.
H.K. Land \$34/34.
H.K. Realities \$120.
Dairy Farm \$24½.
Ewo Cottons \$14½.
H.K. Docks ex Rights \$21.70
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Atoka 23½
Baguila Gonsol 0.20
Beigut Gonsol 0.11
Coco Grove 41
Consolidated Mines 33½
Demonstrations 53
I.K.L. 18
Paracale Gumus 41
San Marcelo 15½
Suyoc Cansol 41
United Paracales 41

China's New Army Proved Under Fire

Officers Pleased With Fine Soldiers

Hankow, Apr. 6.

A most important development in the present Sino-Japanese hostilities, according to high Chinese staff officers is the discovery of exceptionally good fighting quality of the new Chinese army.

The fall of Nanking, following on heavy losses sustained during the Shanghai fighting, presented China with a serious problem in the shape of complete lack of trained soldiers to take the field.

The new recruits were immediately put into training, but when these new troops were formed into divisions about one month ago their fighting strength remained uncertain and it was feared that they might be unable to withstand the hardships and punishment of front line warfare.

The Chinese command, being cautious, began to use these troops for reserves or replacements, mixing them with veterans, and numbers of them were drafted in this way into the initial stages of the fierce fighting on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway and have been fighting now for nearly three weeks in what observers declare to have been the fiercest fighting so far seen in the present hostilities.

These troops, many of whom were formerly only students, it is declared, have surprised their officers at the front line with their fighting ability.

Better Than Old Hands

In many cases they said that they have been found better in bravery, discipline and intelligence than the old campaigners. They are now, as at result of this, being sent up daily to the front line without any admixture of veteran troops.

The Chinese military command expresses great satisfaction at the showing of these new armies in their first big test. Some high officers even go so far as declaring that China's most serious problem, that of trained man-power, is now solved as there are 40 other divisions of similarly trained new recruits ready behind the front line to be sent up whenever they are needed, while the new recruits are daily being trained over the length and breadth of the country.—Reuter.

Insurgent Army Slows Pace

Hendaye, Apr. 6.

The Loyalists have held up the insurgents at Tortosa and formed a last stand defence line between Lerida and Barcelona.

Despatches from both sides disclosed that the Government has, at least for the moment, stopped the insurgents advance on key positions.

Despatches from a United Press correspondent disclosed that the insurgents blamed the bad weather and the necessity for caution for their slowed up advance.

Independent reports state that the Loyalists are now holding the hills dominating both sides of Tortosa and the Ebro River.

Meanwhile, discussing these reports, members of the International Brigade remarked that they had suffered shattering losses.—United Press.

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BIRTH

HOLLINGS.—At the Kowloon Hospital, on Monday, April 4th, to Helen, wife of Dr. G. W. Hollings of Fatsan, S. China, a daughter.

DEATH

GOLDENBERG.—At 7.40 a.m. to-day, Daisy, wife of Mr. William Goldenberg. Funeral at the Jewish Cemetery at 5 p.m. No flowers by request.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 1938.

CAUSE FOR COMPLAINT

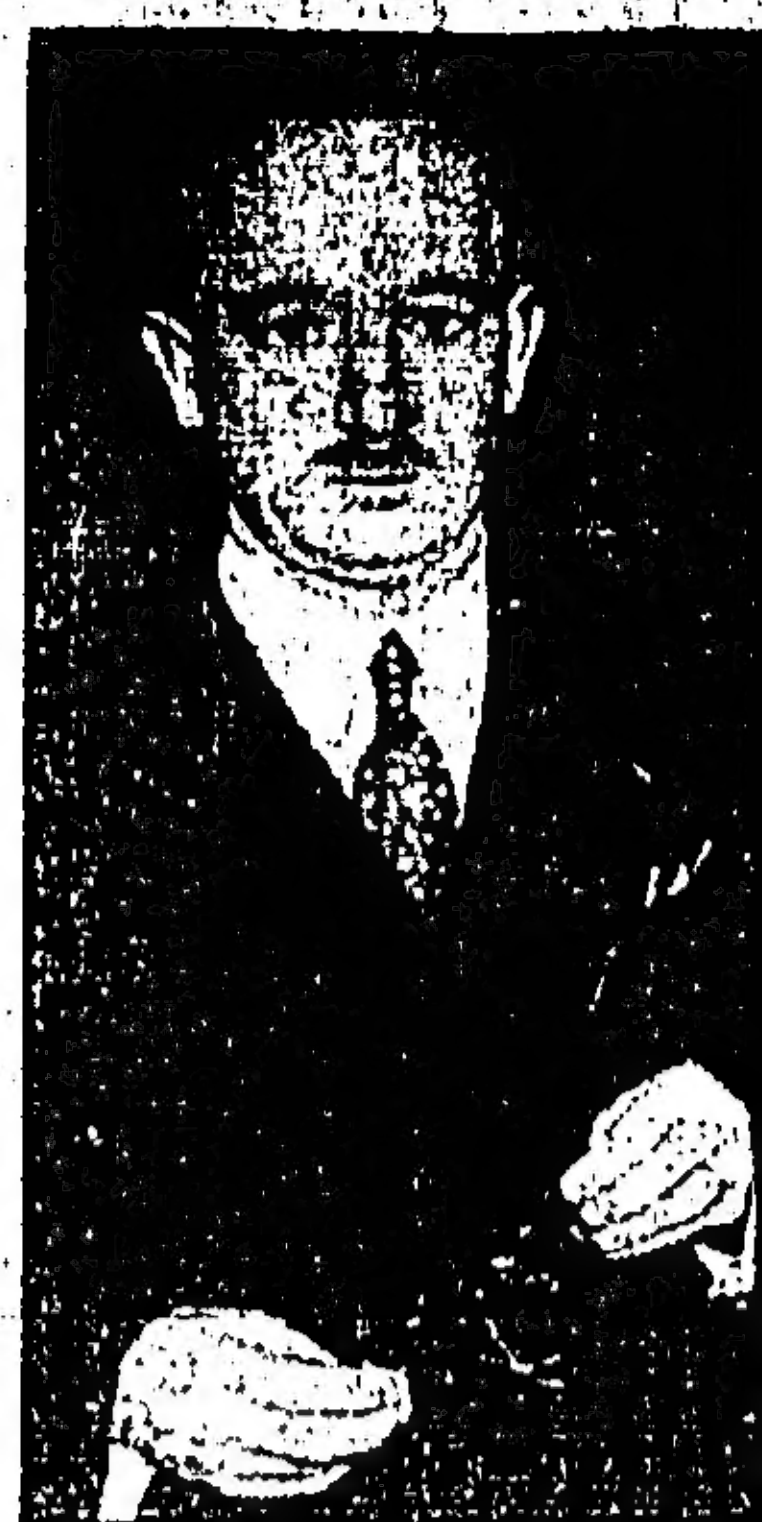
There were incidents reported from Shanghai yesterday which to foreign nationals in the Far East will have brought amazement and indignation, respectively. The first was the alleged ban against Hongkong newspapers and the censorship ruling concerning the *Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury*; the second was the assault on a British subject and his Chinese workmen by Japanese soldiers.

Hongkong newspapers, it seems, are classed by the Japanese with such dangerous materials as Communist and anti-Japanese literature. The reason for this is fairly obvious, for it is an easy step in deduction to conclude that because a newspaper publishes reports of enemy successes it is partial to that enemy. The conclusion is not necessarily sound. The majority of uncensored newspapers in the world to-day seek after truth, and publish it, even though it may not be particularly palatable to their readers. It might just as well be argued by Chinese that because Hongkong newspapers have from time to time given prominence to despatches concerning Japanese successes that the press of the Colony was supporting Japan. Of course it may be a coincidence that the ban on Hongkong papers has occurred at a time when they are reporting Chinese gains in Shansi and Shantung; and there may be something else behind the Japanese decision. But since the action has not been explained it is necessary for those interested also to fall back upon deduction, and their conclusion, may be wrong.

As for the assault on the British national and his Chinese employees, these incidents have ceased to cause surprise. But the indignation they arouse is none the less considerable. It is a pity that men who are known the world over for their bravery in war should so far forget themselves as to assault defenceless persons and lay themselves open to censure for such unintelligent conduct. If, as is likely, the whole trouble arose from the language difficulty, one party being unable to understand the demands or explanations of the other, it is no credit to the Japanese soldiers involved that they did not have the wit to realise it or give their victim the opportunity of explaining himself to the proper authorities, wherever they may be.

As for the fate of the *Shanghai Post and Mercury*, it has always been outspoken, it is true, and has not hesitated to condemn Japan for her China policy. But newspapers all over the world have done the same, though perhaps not so frequently or in the same terms. However, if the Japanese do not want to read this publication, or any of the others that offend from time

"Only a Little Country, but . . .



PEASANT BORN
"We remain democratic because we are workers and peasants."

THE full glare of the European limelight is now, after Austria and Spain, focused on the democratic Republic of Czechoslovakia. Towards her the eyes of Hitler are ominously turned.

This little State, freed after the war from the top-heavy Austro-Hungarian Empire, lies at the very hub and centre of Europe and of the struggle between the forces of democracy and Fascism.

Her 15,000,000 people, a composite of Czechs, Slovaks, Germans, Hungarians and Poles, with the Czechs and Slovaks predominating, are for the most part workers and peasants, simple, hardworking, peace-loving. Masaryk, creator of Czechoslovakia, was the son of a groom; Benes, his successor as President, is the son of a peasant; half of his Cabinet Ministers are the sons of workers and peasants.

Long suppression by Imperial Austria-Hungary taught the Czechoslovaks the priceless boon of democratic liberty. Alone among the Central European States, they have raised and nurtured a progressive country with free institutions, Parliamentary rule, liberty of speech and the written word and equality of citizenship.

THIS vital stronghold of democracy in Europe stands, perilously isolated, on the political and military high road from Berlin to Rome. Nazi Germany, on the west, surrounds nearly one-third of her entire frontier; on her other borders lie the vassal states of Hitler and Mussolini—Austria, Hungary, Poland—and dictator-ruled Rumania.

Hitler, only a week ago, threatened to "protect" her German minority of 3,500,000, the "Sudeten-Deutschen," whose leaders are his openly proclaimed henchmen.

What will democratic little

To-day's Thought

KEEP your tears to yourself
but share your courage.
—R. L. STEVENSON.

to time, there is still no reasonable excuse for their attempt to force others to ape their taste. Shanghai is a cosmopolitan city, and surely the powers which govern it are to be trusted to safeguard the morals of the English-reading community at least. To forbid any International Settlement newspaper the utilisation of the Shanghai post office facilities seems a high-handed piece of interference with the rights of foreign nationals.

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WE FEAR NOTHING"

Czechoslovakia's President
discusses Europe

with
A. L. EASTERMAN



Democratic oasis in the heart of a desert of "authoritarian" States.

Czechoslovakia do against the Nazi-Fascist menace that faces her? What do her leaders think of her future in fear-ridden, dictator-driven Europe?

Following my recent interview with King Carol of Rumania, I had a long talk with President Edouard Benes in the grim old fortress-palace of the ancient Bohemian kings on the high hill overlooking Prague, his capital. We discussed the main phases of the dangerous European scene and the critical position within it of his own State.

His words, which he gave me permission to publish, are dramatic, brave and peculiarly important at this moment.

"I do not believe war in Europe is imminent or inevitable," he said. "But we are preparing for all eventualities and would defend our democratic institutions if they were attacked. We are a small country and a little people, but we fear nothing."

Dr. Benes spoke with characteristic directness. There is nothing of the reticent formality of a ruler about him.

My introduction to him was made with a complete absence of fuss. No uniforms, no flunkeydom, no stiff obsequies; everything severe, business-like, but pleasantly informal.

He is short, chubby-faced, with a high forehead, thinning grey hair and small grey moustache. His light grey eyes are keen and sparkling with intelligent alertness and his mouth is firm and decisive. He answered my questions in excellent English.

I asked Dr. Benes about the relations between Czechoslovakia and Germany and whether his country was in danger of becoming another Belgium.

"We have given proof that we really wish to come to an agreement with Germany," he replied.

"We continue the policy of collaboration with Western Europe, the League of Nations and democracy. We wish to collaborate sincerely and with friendship for peace with all our neighbours, but there must be no interference in internal affairs."

"But one ought to know if other countries will follow this policy. We remain a democratic country because we are workers and peasants."

"No matter what happens, we shall not abandon our parliamentary democracy."

I then asked Dr. Benes for his views on the Berlin-Rome "axis" and the new "cordiality" to Germany and Italy shown by some of

the States of Central Europe.

"Western Europe must be strong," he said, "and should continue to show an interest in the little States of Europe. If it does, things will improve gradually. If it does not, who knows what will happen to Europe as a whole?"

"We are not hostile to any nation, nor do we want to be used as an instrument against any nation."

"We want to be like Holland and Belgium—Independent and free."

Is the suggested approach for agreement between the Great Powers, I asked, a right move in the direction of European peace?

"The question of European peace should not be divided," he replied. "Agreement between the Great Powers must not be localised but must be applied to all Europe."

"Peace should not be localised in one direction and abandoned in another. To-day you can localise nothing."

I asked him about fears of war in Europe and the prospects and conditions for peace.

He leaned forward eagerly. "I do not believe a European war to be either imminent or inevitable," he replied. "There is therefore time in which to strengthen the forces for peace and to solve outstanding international problems."

"As I see it, no nation really wants to provoke a war. Nor is the so-called drive towards rearmament an inevitable prelude to war."

"For a certain time, therefore, we will not have war; but everything depends on us, the statesmen, the people who direct affairs."

"We are, however, now in a situation where there are theories in Europe that war must come again and that material force is decisive in history."

"I face of such ideas, you can stop war only if the forces which stand for peace are stronger than those which proclaim the theories of material power."

"There is no other way to save peace. If you are strong and sincere in your defence of peace you will always be able to save it."

I inquired about Czechoslovakia's thorniest problem—the German minority whose "persecution," alleged by the Nazis, is the cause of acute friction with Germany.

"There is complete equality for

minorities under our constitution and we have full liberty of speech and the Press.

"We are remedying all legitimate grievances and shall continue to do so."

"We, the Government and myself, have made a solemn declaration to this effect and this will be realised."

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FINALLY, I broached the question which has become a vital factor in the fierce hostility between Germany and Soviet Russia—the Nazi allegations that Czechoslovakia is being used as a "jumping-off" ground for a Soviet attack on Germany.

I called Dr. Benes' attention to repeated statements that there were Russian aerodromes and aeroplanes in Czechoslovakia, and that Russian officers were in charge of them.

For the first time during our long conversation Dr. Benes assumed a sternly challenging attitude.

Slowly and almost fiercely he said: "Allegations of Russian direction of or participation in our armed forces are absolute nonsense. There is no such thing; there never was and there is no reason that there should be."

One theme ran consistently through his rapidly spoken, eloquent words—pride in the freedom and well-being of a peasant and worker people.

"We are all workers and peasants or their sons and daughters," he told me. "I am the son of a peasant and I shall always remain so even if I am President."

"I have eight brothers and sisters. Two of my brothers are railwaymen, one is a workman in America and two are school-teachers. Another is a peasant. My two sisters are the wives of peasants."

"I live in the President's palace while my brothers and sisters remain in the village. To us this is quite natural, especially as half of our Cabinet Ministers are the sons and daughters of workmen and peasants."

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WHY NOT BE POPULAR?

There are different kinds of popularity—national, local, and domestic. It is not given to many to enjoy nation-wide acclaim; nor can we all be general favourites in our own town or village. But it is comparatively easy to become popular in one's immediate circle of friends.

This business of being popular involves somewhat of a paradox; for the less time you spend thinking about yourself the more time other people will have for you. The egoist is never welcome at any moment. The man who tries to impress others with his own great capacities and accomplishments is always a dreadfully bore. Besides, people do not always believe him, though they may be too polite to hint a doubt. They may prefer to judge for themselves.

Almost as bad as the egoist is the man (or woman) who continually sings the praises of his (or her) relatives. It does not make you popular to proclaim that your sister is the prettiest girl or the most brilliant pianist for miles around. And why? Because, human nature being what it is, your hearers instinctively begin to think of connections of their own who are clever and attractive.

Good Listeners

Praise of your particular possessions is apt to become wearisome.

BOMBS KILL 10,000 CROWS
Okemah, Okla.
More than 10,000 crows were killed when the state fish and game department bombed a roost in the northwestern part of Oklahoma county, Game Ranger Roy Collins has announced.

too. Your audience may themselves have ears or houses about which they think no little. On the other hand, if they happen not to possess an expensive car or a fine house, they will resent being reminded of yours. It may seem very pretty, but that is human nature.

In order to handle this human nature, petty as it may be, it is necessary to have plenty of tact. This comes from an instinctive sympathy, or fellow-feeling, which must be intimate and cannot be taught. Tactful people are always popular. They are good listeners, which goes a long way.

A bore may be defined as the man who will insist upon talking about his rheumatism when you want to talk about your sciatia. The tactful man keeps quiet about his sciatia, and lets the other fellow talk about his own ailment to his heart's content. Thus he achieves great popularity and the reputation for being most intelligent and sympathetic.

Going One Better

There is no hypocrisy about this. Which reminds us that some stupid people are so opposed to being hypocritical that they rush to the other extreme, and trample rough-shod over others' feelings. "I am a John

Blunt," they proclaim. "I say just what I think, and I don't care whether I please or offend."

Well, if that should be their attitude towards others, they need not be surprised if they frighten all their acquaintances away. That is most certainly not the way to be popular. When all is said and done, to proclaim that you do not care if you offend or not does not show a very pleasant or amiable disposition. A really nice person does not offend anybody, either intentionally or the reverse.

There is one type of person who will never be anything but unpopular; that is, the man (or woman) who will always try to go one better than the last speaker. He (or she) has apparently to cap everything that is said. A person may mention that his uncle has a wooden leg. "Oh, that's nothing," breaks in the capter. "My uncle has two wooden legs." This kind of thing becomes very tiring in time. There comes a moment when you wish to hit the capter very hard upon the head with some blunt instrument.

The popular person does not try to monopolise; his motto is "Live and let live." He is willing to give and take; and, above all, he has that priceless gift of tact, or sympathy, which it will—will—which no one can be popular without.

PROFANITY EDITED DOWN
Sudbury, Ont.
"Hell" is not a profane word any more according to Crown Attorney E. D. Wilkins. He said the word is used in the best clubs and hotels in the land and that he had often heard it in the presence of ladies.

HORSE DIES OF HEART FAILURE
Lorain, O.
Dolly, a big bay horse, served 15 years in the shafts of a dairy wagon, surviving uninjured a freight train collision which demolished the wagon she pulled. She died in the traces of heart failure.

Short Service Pilots For Fleet Air Arm To Be Recruited

WHEN IRISH EYES SMILE

NEW SCHEME IS ANNOUNCED BY ADMIRALTY

By CAPTAIN NORMAN MacMILLAN

AN important scheme to recruit short-service officers for the Fleet Air Arm is announced to day by the Admiralty. The first entry into the new short-service branch will be made next April.

Candidates will have to attend before an Admiralty Selection Committee for interview; they will also have to undergo a strict medical examination by the Medical Director-General of the Navy.

ITALIAN ENVOY WAS PLEASED



COUNT GRANDI, the Italian Ambassador, walking to the Foreign Office for a conference during the recent crisis.

The required minimum educational standard is that of a School Certificate.

FLYING DUTIES

Officers of the Air Branch will be employed on flying duties in the Fleet Air Arm, both at sea and on shore. Their duties will be similar to those of a naval officer of the executive branch in the course of his Fleet Air Arm work, and can include the command of Fleet Air Arm units, but not the command of seagoing vessels.

The transfer of the Fleet Air Arm to Admiralty control and its rapid expansion necessitate the training of a large number of naval officers, both to replace the R.A.F. personnel, and to pilot the increasing number of machines which are being brought into use.

The supply of officers will be met partly by the new short-service branch, and partly by executive officers of the Royal Navy and officers of the Royal Marines specialising in air work for a portion of their career.

Candidates must be British subjects, between 17½ and 23 years old on January 1 in the year in which they are entered, and must be unmarried.

Accepted candidates will have to serve with the Royal Navy for air duties for seven years, the first two of which will be spent in training.

TRANSFERRED

After seven years on the active list, all officers (except those retained for a further eight years) will be transferred to an emergency list for eight years.

Officers on the emergency list will be required to keep themselves in flying practice, and to undergo periodical training.

From the emergency list, officers will be transferred to the retired list of the Royal Navy, but will be liable to be called out for service in war or emergency.

After seven years on the active list officers are eligible for a gratuity of £600, and, after 15 years, a gratuity of £1,000. If retained beyond 15 years, they are eligible for additional not exceeding £100 for each subsequent year.

Further details of pay, gratuities, and pensions, copies of the Regulations and Application Forms, can be obtained from the Secretary of the Admiralty (C.W. Branch/Air).

Empire 2nd In Civil Aviation

The list just issued by the Air Ministry shows that the total number of civil aircraft in the British Empire has increased by 127 during the past three months.

The British Empire occupies second place in the number of civil aircraft, while the United Kingdom alone is third, coming after the United States and France.

For the first time the total number of civil aircraft in the United States exceeds 10,000.

The disclosed number of civil aircraft in Germany is confined to public transport types only. No figure is given for the number of private, instructional, and training aeroplanes.

Here is an extract from the list showing the countries in relative order:

	Total Civil Aircraft	Total Civil Aircraft
U.S.A.	348	10,582
British Empire	477	3,133
France	177	2,607
United Kingdom	165	1,735
Germany	153	?
Italy	112	512

The British Empire operates the largest world total of transport aeroplanes.

KEY LOST AT VERDUN RECOVERED

A Phi Beta Kappa pin has just been returned to Holbrook Romney after lying on the battlefield of Verdun in France for the past 20 years. The pin was found by George W. Hartzell of Philadelphia, who was able from the inscription on the back to return it to its owner.

TOM MIX ON BUS TOUR

Sweetwater, Tex. Tom Mix is touring the nation in a \$50,000 bus. Mix appeared here in the 10,000-pound bus.

UNIVERSITY GIRLS WANT SEX LIBERTY

Boulder, Colo. Two-thirds of the sociology students at the University of Colorado were in favour of "some sex liberty before marriage," a survey conducted by Dr. William Bernard, assistant professor of sociology, revealed. The results of the survey, published in the Silver and Gold, student newspaper, emphasized, however, that those who favoured greater sex liberty did so with the provision that extremes be avoided and more latitude be allowed after betrothal.—United Press.



MR. DE VALERA gave one of his rare smiles as he chatted with Mr. Dulanty, High Commissioner for Eire, in London, after the conference.

Letters To Nazi Agents In Colonies Intercepted

Durban (Natal). EVIDENCE of Nazi activities in South-West Africa (the former German colony) including letters, intercepted between Grey-shirt (Nazi) agents and a German organisation in Hamburg, are to be published by the Union Government.

Short Short Story

San Francisco, Jan. 15 "Chinese noodles, please," ordered Warren Brauer, 37. He was at the Eagle Cafe, a Japanese restaurant.

In the ensuing affray with the restaurant proprietor, Brauer suffered cuts and bruises over both eyes.

Ogpu Strikes In Paris

TAXIMAN - GENERAL WROTE 'MY KILLER IS—J'

Paris. The mailed list of the dreaded Soviet Ogpu has again struck at the White Russian colony in Paris. Recently the French police came to the conclusion that Alexei Tchermine, 50-year-old ex-general in the Army of the East and latterly a Paris taxicab driver—whose body was taken from the Seine, was strangled by Russian agents and flung into the river.

He had been missing from his home for more than a month. Among papers found in his pockets was a sealed letter addressed to the Metropolitan. Eulogies (a Russian priest), in which a meeting was arranged for January 18 with the present head of the White Russians, M. Erbel, and General Denikin.

According to the letter, Tchermine was to reveal to them a "great secret." The letter was dated January 17. In his letter he continued:

"Confidentially at the underground station Ternes (in Paris) you will drive the car because I fear something will happen."

On a card in the dead man's pocket was written: "I am going to work. It is necessary I should look over my car. Perhaps a trap is being prepared for me. In any case when I return I shall leave a note indicating that my room has been searched during my absence. But no one has called. It is very mysterious."

2 MURDERS

According to the police, it would take a month for Tchermine's body to float down the Seine from Paris to the Sevres Bridge, where it was found.

It is thought that Tchermine's death is connected with the recent kidnapping of General Miller, former head of the White Russian colony, who vanished from his office and whose body is believed to have been sent in a packing-case in a Soviet ship to Moscow. Exactly 7 years previously General Koutoulov, head of the White Russians before General Miller, disappeared similarly.

EDUCATED MONKEY KNOWS HIS STUFF

San Francisco. A South American monkey at the local zoo, has learned to smoke and will put his footprints on any contract calling for his photo and a caption reading: "I find a (name brand) relaxes me."

Ran ½ Mile In His Sleep

A STUDENT staying at Blackpool to recover from strain due to overwork left his bed in his sleep jumped in his pyjamas 20ft. to the street, and, still asleep, ran half a mile before waking up.

People on the promenade stood in amazement as the student ran in amazement the student ran past, his eyes staring straight ahead. Two motorists began to chase him; a policeman spread his arms to stop him, but, still staring, he swerved by.

Eventually he was caught running from Topping-street into Church-street—more than half a mile from the sea front. He ran into two policemen and collapsed.

They put him in an ambulance, drove to the police station, laid him on a bench, and after a few moments he awakened, bewildered.

He was taken back to his apartments, and still unable to believe that he had not just dreamed it all he went to bed again.

S. Africa Wants Her Own Anthem

Capetown. General Herizog, Union Premier, said in the Assembly to-day that he hoped "Die Stem van Suid Afrika" (Afrikaans for "The Voice of South Africa") would be recognised by Britain as the Union National Anthem.

General Herizog was asked why "Die Stem" had been played at the opening of Parliament. He replied that "God Save the King" had never been recognised as a national anthem by the Cape Dutch, but would come to be played when the King's representative was present. Part of "Die Stem" runs: "From the depths of southern oceans, From the blue of our skies above, From the heights of endless mountains, Comes the call of the land we love."

RADIO BROADCAST

"At the Black Dog" And Other London Relays CHILDREN'S HOUR

Radio Programme Broadcast by Z.B.W. on Frequencies of 845 k.c.s., 0.52 m.c.s. per second.

H.K.T. 12.0-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Songs by Les Allen (Baritone).

Scoti's Believin' (Adams and Ager); Rehearsing A Lullaby (Sigler, Goodhart and Hoffman); Les Allen with Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Boy Friends; Musical Comedy Requests; Les Allen and His Canadian Bachelors with Orchestra.

12.40 Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra. Moonlight—Quickstep; Dear Love, My Love—Waltz; Hypnotized—Slow Fox-Trot; Three Minutes Of Heaven—Waltz; Let's Sing Again—Slow Fox-Trot (From the film); When You're In Love With Someone—Waltz; Kisses Are Dewdrops—Quickstep.

1.0 Time and Weather. 1.03 Albert Sandler, Maria Eggerth (Soprano) and Orchestra.

Sandler Minuets; Intro: Mozart Minuet in E flat; Bizet Minuet from "L'Arlesienne"; Beethoven Minuet; Handel "Berenice" Minuet; Beethoven Minuet in G; Mozart Minuet and Trio Divertimento No. 17. Sandler and His Orchestra; An Old Violin (H. Taylor and H. Fisher); Looking For You (H. Taylor and W. Sanderson); Sandler (Violin) uccomp. by Jean McVieley (Piano) and Olive Groves (Soprano); Heartless; Gipsy Sing For Me (Melsel); Sandler and His Orchestra; Lovely Like The Dawn Of Spring (From "The Blond Carmen"); My Heart Is Yours—Spanish Song (From "The Blond Carmen"); Maria Eggerth with Orchestra.

1.30 Heuter and Rugby Press, Weather and Announcements.

1.40 Hawaiian Selections. South Sea Island Melody. The Twilight Serenade; Mauna Loa (Alex. Dancy); Aloha Beloved (R. Howard-A. Long-R. Canfield); Kanui and Lulu; Slippery Fingers (Smee); Serenade In The Night (Bixio-Cherubini-Kennedy); The Keala Hawaiian Players with vocal chorus.

1.58 Latest Dance Music. Fox-Trot—Put Me Behind Bars; Slow Fox-Trot—Roses In December (From "Lilo Of The Party"); Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orchestra with vocal chorus; Waltz—Dance The Moonlight Waltz With Me; Slow Fox-Trot—Old Pal Of Mine; Mantovani and His Orchestra with vocal chorus; Waltz—Giannina Mia (From "Firefly"); Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orch.

2.15 Close Down.

8.03-11.0 Chinese Programme. 8.0 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.

(a) I've got my love to keep me warm; (b) Slumming on Park Avenue; (c) You're Laughing At Me; (d) He Ain't got Rhythm.

5.15 Interval of recorded Dance Music from Z.B.W.

5.20 (a) Under the spell of a Voodoo Drum; (b) I'm Nuts about Screwy; (c) Bess in E Flat; (d) Christmas Columbus.

5.35 Interval of recorded Dance Music from Z.B.W.

5.45 (a) It must be love; (b) The love bug will bite you; (c) Where is the sun; (d) How could you?

6.0 Studio—The Children's Hour.

7.0 John Goss (Baritone) and The Cathedral Quartet: Tom's Gone Blow The Man Down; Tom's Gone To Hills (Arr. Terry); Lowlands; Highland Laddie (Arr. Taylor Harris); Ro Grande (Sea Shanty); Billy Boy (Sea Shanty) (Arr. Terry).

7.10 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.13 Violin and Piano Solos.

Preludes, Op. 28 (Chopin); Waltz In A Flat Major, Op. 42 (Chopin).

Moris Rosenthal (Piano); Introduction El Rondo Capriccioso, Op. 28 (Saint-Saens); Renee Chemet (Violin) uccomp. by Harold Craxton (Piano).

7.30 London Relay—The Gang Smasher—Episode 1.

"John Martinson Takes A Hand." A radio serial adapted by Jack Ingalls from the novel The Gang Smasher by Hugh Clevely. Production by John Cheattie.

7.50 Songs by Richard Crooks (Tenor).

The Green Hills Of Ireland (Shields—Del Riego); Bird Songs At Eventide (Barrie—Coates); Good-Bye (Whyte-Melville—Tosti).

8.0 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Chinese Programme—Studio Concert.

11.0 Close Down.

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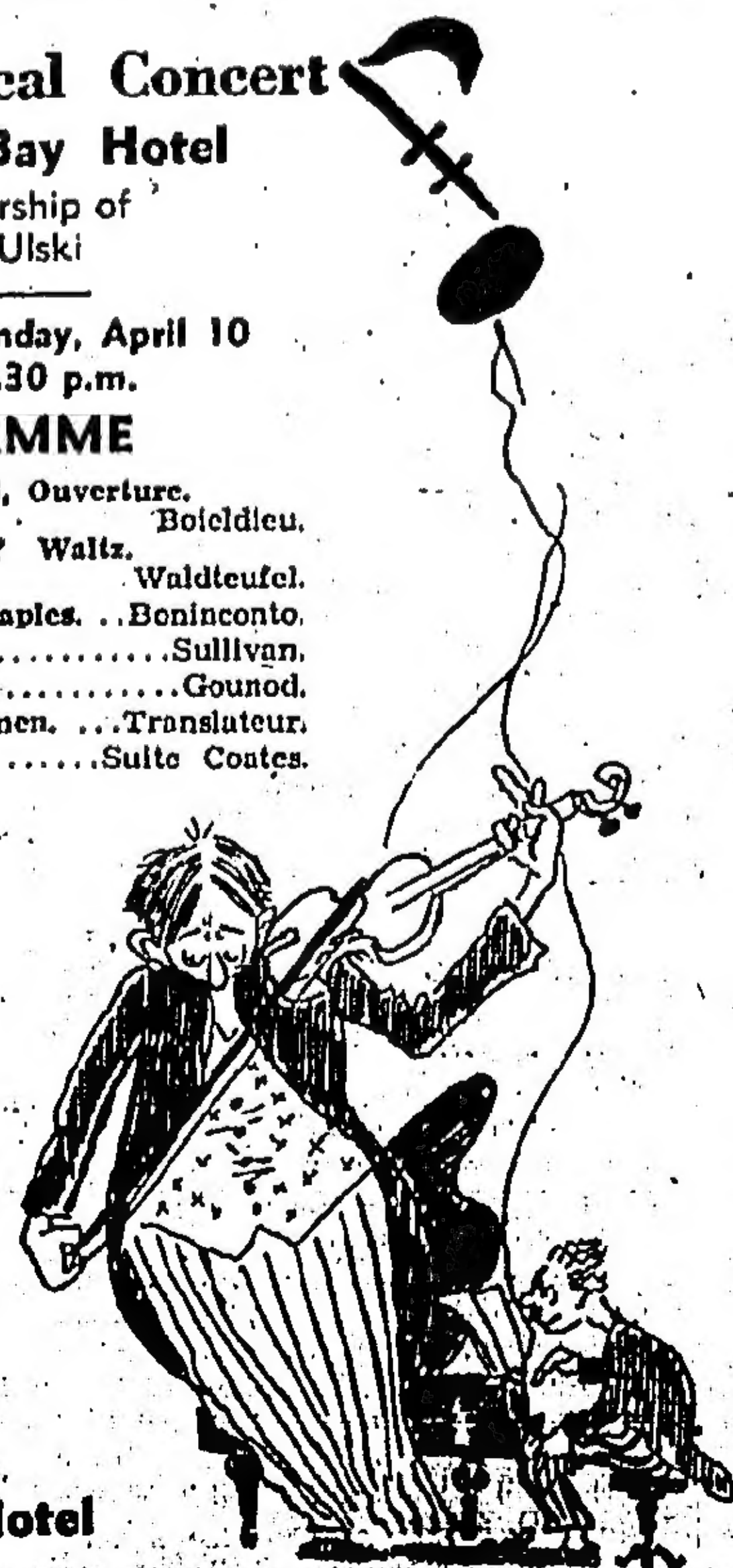
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WHAT HAS HAPPENED BEFORE
Evacuating the white residents of Shangri-la, which has been attacked by Chinese, the British Consul, with his brother, George, and three others are kidnapped by plane by a strange Mongolian pilot. Eventually the plane comes to ground two thousand miles in the interior of Tibet. The plane dies and the party is rescued by Chang and some porters from a nearby monastery at Shangri-la. The monastery, they discover, is an idyllic place of peace and safety sheltered in a valley surrounded by forbidding mountains.

Only George, his brother, remains rebellious at the long wait for porters. He goes here and there, and finally, he is rescued by the High Lama and taken to the apartment of the High Lama.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

Chapter Five

As his eyes became accustomed to the darkness, he saw that he was in a dark, low-ceilinged room. The walls were draped with tapestries, and before him stood a figure in the shadow of the doorway. The figure was a man, and he was looking at him with a steady, friendly gaze.



"I have been waiting for you for a long time, my son," the High Lama said. (Posed by Ronald Colman and Sam Jaffe.)

"At the moment," Conway said, "I am interested in only one thing." "When you are ready to leave here," he said, "I personally have found your community very pleasant but my friends are rather fed up with the mystery of it all. They should like to leave as soon as possible."

The High Lama turned to a tray at his side and began to pour some tea. "Suppose I should tell you," he said, "that neither you nor your friends are ever to leave Shangri-la."

Conway accepted the tea. "I understand you already suspect your being here is no accident and naturally you are curious as to why you were brought here," the Lama continued.

"Naturally."

The High Lama sipped his tea and put it down. "I should like to tell you the story of the founder of Shangri-la. His name was Father Perrault and he was a Capuchin Friar. In 1713 he was lost while on an exploring trip and ended up in the valley here—half frozen to death."

"With his returning strength, the valley began to interest Perrault and he quickly dismissed all ideas of leaving. He stayed here and preached Christianity—they were mostly Buddhists, you know—and he met with considerable success."

"Then one day he became tired with a new ambition. He conceived the idea of building a monastery on this site. Finally, to the amazement of the valley people, he undertook the task single-handed. For years he hobbled up and down this hill, carrying rock, making his own mortar, working fourteen hours a day—a busy, cheerful, energetic person. It was completed in 1738 and Perrault came here to live. That was nearly two hundred years ago."

"Now, it so happened that about that time a second European wandered into the valley—a young explorer of noble birth, high culture and much charm of manner. The valley's peacefulness and utter freedom from worldly cares enthralled him, too. And when he met Father Perrault, a beautiful friendship developed."

"They worked out more ambitious plans for Shangri-la. Between them, they devised a method which would exist—of obtaining anything they needed from the outer world. They began an art collection as well as our library and musical acquisitions."

"I suppose," Conway suggested, "they made payments in gold."

"Yes, they were fortunate in possessing a metal which held in high esteem in other parts of the world."

"In such high esteem," Conway said, "I am amazed they escaped a gold rush."

"Perrault, too, feared that. But he soon discovered that his concern was unwarranted. You see—beyond the pass—the country is so

To-day Science is Classifying YOUR FACE VALUE —for your job

WHAT is your face value?

Throughout the country people are becoming face-conscious. Employers are calling in physiognomists to guide them in the choice of persons for particular tasks; teachers are being helped by a knowledge of what faces reveal to understand "difficult" pupils.

And it is being done scientifically. There is no longer any guesswork about your face value.

Do you take an intelligent interest in faces? They are a fascinating study—whether they be good-looking or otherwise—and there is a great deal to learn about them.

"Close-Ups"

THE films, no doubt, are teaching the ordinary person much concerning particular types which are selected for some special "appeal" or other, and made uncommonly familiar by enormous magnification in "close-ups."

But knowledge gained in this way can be only superficial if it is not supported by an understanding of physiognomy.

Whenever we meet people for the first time we find ourselves almost automatically forming an estimate of their character from what we see in their faces.

If our perceptions are acute we may get to know the best and worst about them within the space of a few seconds. For every feature tells part of the story of what they are.

Now there are people who, because they are well aware of their shortcomings, strive constantly to "wear a mask," as we say.

This is pathetic and futile. No one can conceal his true nature. Cunning individuals may endeavour to put our natural judgment at fault by assuming what they believe to be a guileless expression; but the

effort will be in vain; no real deception can be possible.

If we are really intelligent, with a well developed faculty of comparison, people's faces are open books to our eyes, and we shall be ready to state our very lives on the certainty of what we read therein.

When every employer realises that the shape of a man's nose, or eyes, or mouth can tell truthfully what he is capable of doing there will be no more square pegs in round holes.

Nose as Guide

DID not Napoleon choose his generals by their noses? Probably he knew little about physiognomy, but at least he perceived that men with strong, large noses would be determined and aggressive fighters. Witness Wellington!

Sometimes I have been asked to give a portrait of a girl who would probably make a good wife or of a man (and this more often) who would be most likely to suit as a husband.

The task is full of difficulties, of course, but it is not impossible; the requisite types may be indicated.

For example, one might be fairly safe in saying that the type likely to succeed as a wife would have a forehead rounded at the top, denoting reasoning power, and consequently reasonableness.

EYES set well forward, indicating facility in language, so that she would be a good conversationalist.

NOSE either straight, with nostrils well-defined, suggesting appreciation of beauty and nobility—or a slightly turned-up nose suggesting amiability, vivaciousness, and a happy disposition.

CHIN full and well-rounded, expressive of strength of purpose and loyalty, and promising fortitude in adversity.

The head of this type would almost inevitably be fully rounded at the back, especially towards the

long, straight-up forehead and sharply cut nose; the intellectual and perceptive regions in the front of the brain are well marked.

Eyebrows are very importantly revealing; that being so, the fashion among women of having their eyebrows plucked and "pencilled" may well be a very unwise one, for it can so easily suggest quite false—and possibly most unflattering—qualities of character to the trained physiognomist.

GNAWING PAINS BETWEEN MEALS

Of all the painful forms which stomach trouble takes, is there anything that is more depressing than the gnawing pain that makes its appearance like clockwork between meals?

Mr. A. B. was a victim to these pains, and was beginning to despair of ever being without them until one happy day...

But read his letter:

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Watch the Eyes

FOR this excellent combination one must look primarily to the nose and mouth—the nose would be high-bridged, with wide nostrils; the mouth fairly wide, with a long, straight upper lip, and a full lower lip.

The shape of the chin is important—it would have to be square, with a tendency to an inward curve; a pointed chin often indicates either craftiness or constitutional weakness.

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Watch the Eyes

FOR this excellent combination one must look primarily to the nose and mouth—the nose would be high-bridged, with wide nostrils; the mouth fairly wide, with a long, straight upper lip, and a full lower lip.

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**HAPPENINGS
AS SEEN BY
THE CAMERA'S EYE**



BOMBS EXPLODING during a Japanese air raid on Hankow aerodrome. A curve of the Yangtse River is on the right.



OFF TO ST. JAMES'S—Joseph P. Kennedy, new United States Ambassador to the Court of St. James's, London, as he left New York aboard the United States liner Manhattan. The ship was manned by members of the CIO unions recently criticising him.



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**CANTON
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BOMBED**

Canton, Apr. 6.

In addition to bombing the cement works at Salchuon to-day which the Chinese authorities state were not hit, Japanese planes also looted a number of missiles at Tienho aerodrome, north-east of Canton.
Apparently with the intention of undermining the confidence of the people and the Central Government, the Japanese planes dropped leaflets expressing surprise that no Chinese planes opposed the Japanese raiders in South China.
The message, which was addressed to the general public, asks: 'Where has the Chinese air force gone to? What is it doing? Every day Japanese planes fly over South China, but they have not seen a single Chinese plane.'
It concludes by alleging that 'Chiang Kai-shek has been aviciously extorting money from the people under the pretext of manufacturing planes, but actually it has been spent for nothing but the benefit of Chiang's associates.'—Reuter.

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Bishop Indicts "Age Of Hysteria, Fear"

The Bishop of Chelmsford, Dr. Henry Wilson, is this month starting his tenth year as bishop. Dr. Wilson has gained a reputation as being one of our most outspoken Churchmen. In this interview he gives his views on life and religion to-day:—

One of the impressions that strike me forcibly is the prevalent unhappiness and fear in the minds of men to-day—fear of life, death, war, unemployment, sickness.

I think the present time will go down to history as the age of fear. I attribute it very largely to the absence of a real practical faith.

They never relate the Christian teaching to their life and outlook. They do not give it any serious thought.

THE AFTER LIFE

Probably they assent to the general truths of religions, but there is little more than this.

We have a generation of people who have no buoyant faith to keep them up when confronted by difficulty and no faith in an after life to console them in bereavement.

A generation or two back there was a sort of dogged courage which seems to be rare to-day. I do not mean that our forefathers were all convinced Christians; people in those days were very largely conventional.

Even so, they did believe that the moral cardinal points were fixed; and they did believe in an after life.

Now conventional religion has disappeared, and that is the explanation why, numerically, there are fewer people going to church.

I think this attitude towards religion is not peculiar to this country.

EUROPE'S HYSTERIA

Here, I believe, is the explanation of the hysteria which characterises European nations, an hysteria which may result in grave international trouble.

It is only when the spendthrift realises the grim fact that he is heading for bankruptcy that you can pull him up.

Probably, in despair, the nations of Europe will turn to the Christian solution.

But as far as this country is concerned, the human material to-day is splendid. Good intentions are manifest everywhere.

But there is an absence of that stability of character which is the product only of a robust faith.

COMPLEX LIFE

It may be seen in almost every department of life—slack morals, the

craving for sensation, the popularity of such things as football pools and lotteries, the desire for something which will put a kick into life.

The speed of modern life has a good deal to do with this lack of stability.

Life has become so complex, crowded and rapid that the general climate is not congenial for religion except in people whose religious instinct is very strong.

Religion has always thrived in adversity. But this is an age of comfort, with highly developed forms of entertainment, such as wireless and the cinema, within reach of everybody, and ultra-rapid means of communication to take people about and ponder to restlessness.

BIRTH RATE

The standard of life has become so high that religion, which seems to have had its strongest hold on people when life has been hard and difficult, is now crowded out by a multitude of conflicting interests.

The falling birth rate is a symptom of this characteristic of life to-day. The more sober pleasures are giving place to sensation and excitement.

Bringing up a large family is a great joy, but not for people whose standard of pleasure is excitement and selfishness, nor for people who are victims of fear.

"Why should we have children," they say, "if they are to be shot down or blown to pieces in the next war?"

It is only religion which really steadies man.

NEW STUDY OF A PRINCESS



RECENT PHOTOGRAPH OF Princess Alexandra, daughter to the Duke and Duchess of Kent.

FIVE NEW WARSHIPS FOR U.S.

By Otto Janssen

United Press Staff Correspondent

Washington.

UNITED STATES war vessels with a total tonnage near 70,000, authorized under the naval construction acts of 1933 and 1934, are now approaching completion in the nation's shipyards; navy experts revealed.

Meanwhile, work is progressing on additional light and heavy cruisers, submarines, destroyers, battleships and auxiliary vessels. The entire programme is scheduled to be completed late in 1941.

The 70,000 tons, consisting of five vessels, are expected to be completed within three months. The 10,000-ton light cruiser Savannah and the 1,350-ton submarine Salmon are scheduled to be finished this month. Early in May they will be joined by the 1,500-ton destroyer McCall and the 1,350-ton submarine Seal. By the middle of May the aircraft carrier Enterprise of 20,000 tons—one of the largest vessels in the programme—is expected to be finished.

The Enterprise is a sister ship of the Yorktown which was commissioned recently. These vessels carry 12 five-inch guns, more than 100 air-planes and a complement of over 2,000 men.

By the end of this year, 13 more sea fighters will be ready for service, according to present plans. In this group will be the 10,000-ton aircraft carrier Wasp, four light cruisers of 10,000 tons each and costing about \$12,000,000 apiece; three 1,350-ton submarines; two destroyers of 1,850 tons each and three of 1,500 tons each.

TONNAGE INCREASES

More than 70,000 tons will be added in 1939, consisting of seven 1,350-ton submarines totaling almost 10,000 tons; 20 1,500-ton destroyers totaling 30,000 tons; one 1,850-ton destroyer and three cruisers of about 10,000 tons each.

Another 34,000 tons will be added in 1940, comprising the auxiliary vessels Curtiss, an 8,300-ton sea-plane tender and the Dixie, a 9,000-ton destroyer tender. They are scheduled for completion December 27.

Other craft to be added to the fleet in 1940 are three 1,350-ton submarines and eight 1,500-ton destroyers.

The building programme will be climaxed with the completion in 1941 of the battleships Washington and North Carolina. Both are of 35,000 tons, carry three aircraft, nine 10-inch guns and 18 five-inch guns.

Costing approximately \$300,000,000 each, they will be the largest ships in the fleet, measuring 750 feet from stem to stern, according to unofficial reports. The longest battleships flying the United States flag to-day measure 624 feet.

It is reported these ships will be capable of a speed from 28 to 27 knots.

Only one ship—the 1,850-ton destroyer Warrington—has been placed in commission thus far this year. She is the tenth destroyer of this class to be completed under the 1933 and 1934 building acts.

Seventeen destroyers, four submarines, two light cruisers, one heavy cruiser and an aircraft carrier were finished last year.

In 1938, 18 destroyers, four submarines and two patrol gunboats were delivered and in 1939—the first year any ships were completed under these acts—two submarines were delivered.—United Press.

STOP PRESS NEWS

JAPANESE AMBUSHED IN ANHWEI

Chengyangkwan, April 7. Several Japanese units have been ambushed by Chinese forces at points east of Tingyuan in Anhwei during the past few days.

On April 2, more than 200 Japanese troops and 20 armoured cars passed through Hsuehchiatien, near Chulungchiao. Chinese soldiers lying in ambush there descended on them and at the same time exploded mines.

About 80 Japanese soldiers were killed, and 20 wounded. Four Japanese tanks were damaged.

About 40 Japanese soldiers were also killed and 10 tanks destroyed on April 3 in another Chinese ambush.

A Japanese attempt to cross the Yangtze River from Sinkouchien opposite Wuhu was frustrated by Chinese on April 5.—Central News.

PETER PAYS PAUL

Insured with the Mitsui Shoji Kaisha Ltd. in Hongkong for \$7,000 a cargo of matchwood en route from this Colony to Macao was seized by a Japanese trawler on the afternoon of April 3.

A report of the occurrence was made to the police this morning by Ho Ming, coxswain of the steam-launch Kwong Hing.

Ho Ming reported that the Kwong Hing left Yauwattai on April 2 with the launch Tung Hing and a junk laden with the cargo of matchwood.

In tow they were stopped by Japanese armed trawler No. 10 when two miles west of Kanchow.

The crew of the junk was transferred to the two launches, which were allowed to proceed.

The junk and cargo were taken in tow by the Japanese trawler.

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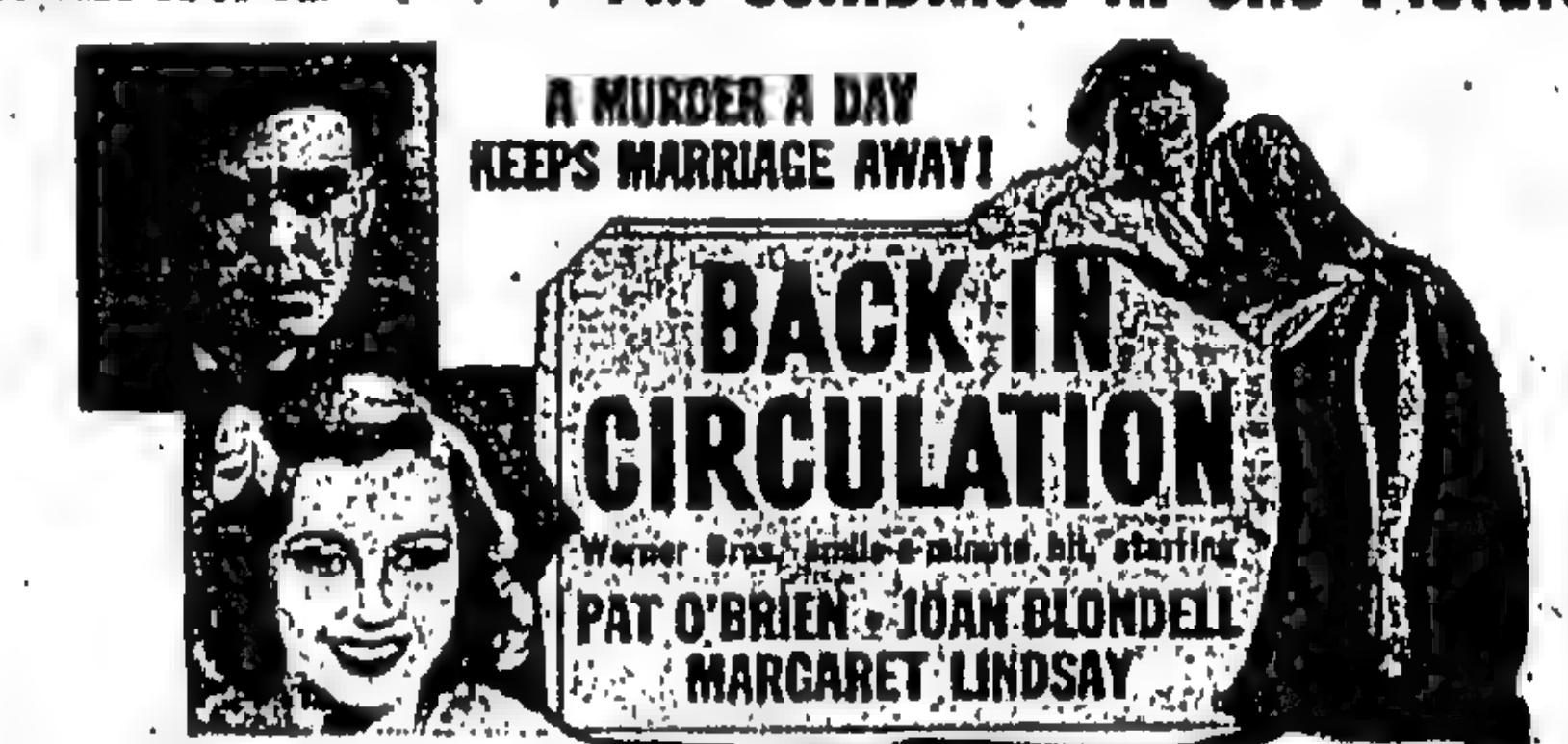
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Expressions Of Loyalty Pouring In
Rome Requests Italian Be Malta's Tongue

Hankow, Apr. 7. Telegrams congratulating Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Mr. Wang Ching-wei on their election as General Executive and Deputy General Executive of the Kuomintang respectively, and pledging support to them, have been pouring in from various provinces and municipalities.

Among them are those from the Kuomintang Headquarters in Shanghai, Kwangsi, Szechwan, Shanghai and Kiangsi.

General Hsieh Yueh, Deputy Pacification Commissioner for Yunnan and Kweichow, has also sent congratulatory telegrams to Generalissimo Chiang and Mr. Wang.—Central News.

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION
The following ships are expected to be in touch with the Radio Telegraph Office: Hokutai Maru, Nancy Moller, Asian, Lenna, Apoc, Burgenland, Himalaya, Patella, Talsunglong, Hellas, Bangloe, Kunisima Maru, Pingwa, Minoo Maru, and Empress of Asia.

Rome, April 6. The newspaper, the Tribuna, in an editorial to-day, appealed to Britain to make compulsory the teaching of the Italian language in the schools at Malta, and the use of the language in the Maltese Government.

The paper added that the Italian language was a sacred heritage of the inhabitants of the island and its compulsory use in Malta, at the instance of the British Government, would bring closer the friendly relations of Britain and Italy.—Reuter Bulletin.

LORD LINLITHGOW GIVEN LEAVE
London, Apr. 6. The Governor-General of India has been granted leave not exceeding four months. He will arrive in England in July, and Lord Brabourne, Governor of Bengal, will act as Governor-General during Lord Linlithgow's absence.

It was recently announced that the Governors of the United Provinces of Sind and Orissa had been granted four months' leave.—Reuter Special.

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CHINESE PATRIOT SLAIN IN SHANGHAI

EUROPEAN WOUNDED IN GUN BATTLE

One Assailant Shot To Death, One Escapes And Third Captured

Shanghai, Apr. 7.

Dr. Herman Liu, Chinese President of the University of Shanghai, an American Baptist institution, was assassinated this morning in the International Settlement.

In a subsequent battle between the assailants and the police, a British sergeant, G. H. Wade, from Yorkshire, was wounded in the ankle, while one of Liu's assailants was killed, and three Chinese pedestrians wounded.

One suspect has been arrested.

Dr. Liu was widely known as a great Chinese patriot.

He was shot through the head while standing at the bus stop at the corner of Bubbling Well and Ferry roads. It transpires that several Chinese involved in the murder scattered immediately after the shooting. Wade chased one of them, who, drawing his revolver, shot the policeman in the ankle, and made good his escape.

Meanwhile, other police had rushed to the scene, and in the ensuing gun battle, three pedestrians were wounded, one seriously.

A Chinese constable succeeded in capturing a Chinese, who later allegedly confessed that he was "hired to kill Dr. Liu because he was a traitor to China."

The alleged statement is discounted in Chinese circles in which Dr. Liu was known to be a great Chinese patriot.—*Reuter*.

Three Assailants

Shanghai, Apr. 7.
Dr. Herman Liu, President of the American Baptist University in Shanghai, and graduate of Columbia University, New York, was fatally shot by three assailants in Bubbling Well road to-day.

He died on the way to the hospital.

It is understood that recently he was sending letters to American educational leaders by way of spreading Chinese propaganda.

Gun Battle Follows

A gun battle followed the assassination of Dr. Liu.

One of the assassins was killed and another captured. One also escaped.

Two pedestrians were wounded, and a British policeman was also wounded.

The name of the policeman is G. H. Wade, but his injury is not serious.—*United Press*.

Shai Paper Again Under Japanese Ban

Shanghai, Apr. 7.
Foreign post office officials revealed to-day that the Japanese censoring bureau had banned Wednesday's Evening Post, in which was the first local story of action against the banning of the Evening Post Saturday edition.

The Wednesday edition also featured the revival of the taxes in Japanese-occupied areas near Shanghai, which, it was claimed, was increasing Shanghai food prices. The censoring bureau announced to-day that it had requested the United States Consul General, Mr. Charles G. Ladd, to protest to the Japanese Government.—*United Press*.

"PUPPET" REGIMES UNITED

Peiping Government
At Head: Tariff
Revision Suggested

Tokyo, Apr. 7.

Officials of the Nanking and Peiping regimes have agreed that foreign relations and customs shall be controlled by Peiping, according to the *Asahi Shinbun*, the newspaper adding that revenue has been deposited by Peiping at the Yokohama Specie Bank pending settlement of the customs issue with foreign powers.

Nanking will act as proxy for Peiping in its relations with foreigners, and revenue from the salt gabelle and a consolidated tax on cement, cigarettes, cotton yarn, matches and beer in Central China will be collected and used by Nanking.

The sphere of operations of the Federated Reserve Bank, under the terms of agreement, is being extended to Central China. At present Central Bank notes are allowed to circulate in that region.

A full understanding is stated to have been reached for the suppression of anti-Japanese propaganda, the two regimes amalgamating as one on a battle on the Tientsin-Pukow railway and the Lungai railway is restored.—*Reuter*.

Reports Of Tariff Revision Vague

Peiping, Apr. 7.

Nanking officials departed to-day, after which Japanese reports were issued stating that agreement had been reached regarding amalgamation with the Nanking Government, which will virtually be under the supreme authority of the Peiping regime, which is the sole Central Government of China.

The reports said that revenue from salt and a consolidated tax were going temporarily to Nanking. The present tariff was destined to "undergo wholesale reform in order to eliminate prohibitive 'anti-Japanese' duties."

The reports stated that following the amalgamation, North China currency was to be circulated in the south. Officials unofficially refused to comment on the tariff question, hinting that a revised list is possibly planned.

It is rumoured that the head of the Federal Reserve Bank discussed with Liang Hui-chih the early opening of branches in Shanghai and Nanking, but the Hsin Min Pao denies this.—*United Press*.

Defends U.S. Re-Armament Programme

Speaker Denies Any Threat To Rest Of World

Washington, Apr. 6.

Mr. Louis Johnson, of the War Department, in a speech to-day commemorating America's entry into the World War, retorted to the opponents of United States re-armament.

He said: "A few nations pretend to see behind our growing determination to arm for our own protection a menace to their safety. Its only real menace is to their unbridled economic and territorial ambitions. 'The governments of the 21 American republics will never permit them to extend to North and South America.'"

"Friendly and peaceful neighbours know that we covet no one else's treasure. Yet, only a fortnight ago, a nation that is trying desperately to consummate in Asia the greatest armed conquest of defenceless people in modern times accused us of harboring ambitions similar to their own. Surely none of our people will be misled as to the real purpose of our 'goodwill' charges."—*United Press*.

HUNTING GUERRILLAS



In the wild, rugged mountain country of Shansi the Japanese have been using mounted patrols to some effect. In their frequent engagements with guerrillas the mounted men have the advantage of speed; though they are a fine target for machine-gunners. In the middle background a Japanese outpost billet is visible.

EYE-WITNESS TELLS OF ARTILLERY DUEL AROUND TAIERCHWANG

(Special to "Telegraph")

Taierschwang, Apr. 5 (By Courier to Hsuechow).

This is the first message I have been able to send through from this busy battle front. I arrived here at half an hour after midnight, April 4. The journey was uneventful but the train carried generals coming here for a conference with field commanders on this front, indicating the importance of the Taierschwang positions.

The train was darkened two hours before we reached our destination. We waited while the train shunted about for hours near the end of the journey and finally descended and walked the rest of the way, six miles, to the field headquarters. Everything was in total darkness.

Yesterday and to-day a foreign party, comprising members of the Joris Ivens Film Expedition, the makers of "Spanish Earth" in the Spanish war zones, and a military observer, Captain E. F. Carlson, of the United States Marine Corps, and other correspondents and myself visited the Chinese artillery positions. We could see through glasses the movements of the Japanese troops opposite.

Artillery duels are a feature of the present stage of the fighting.

Heavy Bombardment

On April 3, for instance, the Japanese sent over 10,000 fifteen-centimetre shells.

Yesterday and to-day the Chinese artillery was active. The Chinese heavily shelled Japanese reinforcements marching along the highway north of Taierschwang. The guns are not the only weapons which are talking back to the Japanese. Yesterday 23 Chinese aircraft bombed the Japanese positions severely. One of the raiders developed engine trouble and was forced to land in a ploughed field immediately behind the Chinese lines. It was still carrying four high explosive bombs when it came down. The cool young pilot, Captain Teng, wrote a report of his misadventure immediately on landing. He had concluded it in 15 minutes. Soldiers then disguised the plane and rendered it unrecognisable from the air or artillery positions. We (Continued on Page 4.)

MOROCCAN TROOPS ENTER BALAGUER ON ROAD TO BARCELONA

Attack on Tortosa Halts To Allow Manoeuvre To Protect Both Flanks

Hendaye, Apr. 6.

Driving in an effort to seize the power plants in the neighbourhood, Insurgents to-day captured Balaguer, 72 miles west of Barcelona, the Moroccans entering the town behind whippet tanks.

It is reported that the Loyalists are moving eastward toward Cervera, and that there are new Loyalist lines about 60 miles outside of Barcelona.

Meanwhile the Insurgents apparently have delayed the capture of Tortosa to permit General Aranda's right wing to approach Vinaroz, after which it will be easier to prevent guerilla attacks on the Insurgents' flanks.

As a result of four days' operations, General Franco's lines are now almost straight for 100 miles from the French frontier at Morella, through Lerida, where, it is reported, General Franco is assembling picked Aragonese and Navarrese brigades, accustomed to mountain fighting, to be used in the final thrust against Barcelona.—*United Press*.

Life Sentence For Filipino Bus Conductor

New York, Apr. 6.

Jose Rivera, a Filipino bus conductor, has been sentenced to life imprisonment for complicity in a \$265 robbery, and the murder of Davis Paley, his employer, who was beaten to death last June.—*United Press*.

New Loyalist Offensive

Madrid, Apr. 6.

A Fresh Republican offensive on the Estremadura front is revealed in a communiqué, which claims the capture of the heights in a sector at Puente de la Zobia.—*Reuter*.

Plea For Tolerance

London, Apr. 6.

The British Government has addressed a note to the Spanish Government and the Insurgents appealing to them, in the event of further retreat by the Loyalists, on (Continued on Page 5.)

STOP PRESS

ROOSEVELT BLAMED FOR UNREST IN INDUSTRY

Washington, Apr. 6.

Writing an open letter to President Roosevelt in the *Washington Herald* to-day, Eleanor Patterson, *Herald* correspondent, says: "You said once, with eternal truth, that the only thing to fear is fear itself. Fear is the enemy of industry."

"With due respect you should concede the obvious: This fear is fear of you. It is the fear of shifting policies, of a hostile attitude toward legitimate business, and the insistence of being credited with tax methods and laws which prevent one from earning and retaining fair and honest profits. It is a fear that you will work out a constructive plan and will not 'stay put'. It is a fear that if a plan of yours proved bad, you will stick to it stubbornly, because you are not willing to admit that like all the rest of us you can make mistakes."

"Mr. President, you can eliminate this basic cause of depression very simply through a message to Congress, or through some other vehicle. You should address yourself at once, and convincingly, to remove all fear."

It is revealed that the letter followed the writer's private record of the press conference with President Roosevelt on Monday in which President Roosevelt is reported to have dared her to tell him what he should do to restore confidence in business. The letter does not mention the conference, but refers to the President telling recent visitors: "All right. You go ahead and write exactly what you think. I could say that would banish fear." It dare you.—*United Press*.

WAR PLANES SIGHTED

Chungking, Apr. 7.

Twelve Japanese aircraft are reported proceeding westward by way of Ichang.

It is feared they intend to raid Chungking.

Observation posts along the route they are expected to follow have been warned and Chungking itself is in readiness.—*United Press*.

(Further Stop Press Notes on Page 12.)

These are important spring-cleaning points

REMEMBER this about your vacuum cleaner: always empty the bag directly after you have used it. The less dust in the bag the more powerful is the suction. Another thing to be careful about is to have the mouth of the vacuum the right height from the floor; it should be adjusted higher for a thick pile carpet.

SOAP.—When soap is bought in large slabs, cut off large pieces; it saves your hands when scrubbing. Save your odds and ends of soap, put them in a jam jar and stand in a saucepan of hot water. When dissolved, stir in one tablespoonful of ammonia and add sufficient silver sand to make it thick. Roll into balls and let it dry and harden.

POLISHING.—A lot of elbow grease and a little polish is the best method for polishing. Here is an extra special treatment to use on your stained floors once a year. Mix together in a bottle ¼ lb. shellac and ½ pint of methylated spirit. Let the mixture stand for twenty-four hours, then paint over the floor with it, using a flat brush.

You must plan all this hard WORK

IT is the little things more than the actual work that make spring cleaning so much harder than it need be and give poor housewives that worn-out look that adds years to their faces and is so unbecoming.

Do a bit of planning first, and you will save yourself and your time.

First of all take a good look at your house shoes and see that they have good thick soles and are not down at heel. Have two pairs, and change them about every two hours or so. You've no idea how this little bit of forethought will save your back.

Your knees are the next things that are likely to suffer, so be sure and get a nice soft kneeling mat.

REST whenever you can spare your legs. For instance, when you clean the silver or give the glasses an extra rub sit down to it.

It is quite unnecessary to stand. Most people do because they think they have a better purchase on whatever they happen to be doing. This is a fallacy. If you are sitting in a really comfortable position, with a straight back, you have plenty of power over your work.

Don't attempt to do too much at once. Take this great overwhelming event at your leisure.

Of course, the secret of this is to begin in good time. We all have a curious habit of putting off anything we dread until it jolly well has to be done because it can't be put off any more. You must make a point of doing a room a day.

Then give one whole day to the stairs and another to the bath room.

Once actually started, you will become so enthusiastic about spring cleaning that you won't know where to stop. You will find things you thought weren't dirty at all look positively black beside the things you have already cleaned; so then you will start in on them.

WHILE you're doing the cleaning think too of any ways you can improve the arrangement or furnishing of your house. Sometimes when I go into a room in a friend's house and cast my eye round it I cannot help thinking to myself what I should do with it if it were mine. Nine times out of ten I find it is the lampshades I would change first.

You would never think that little ends meet, cut up the slabs, leaving things like lampshades could change ¼ in. to turn in, and stitch over one the whole look of a room, but they do. I was having tea with a neighbour last week just after she had done her spring cleaning. I thought

how spick and span her room looked, except for the lampshades, which were shabby beyond words. So I became the sort of best friend who often makes a worst enemy and asked her what she was going to do about them.

Oh, she said, summer is coming, so it hardly seems worth getting new ones. I entirely disagreed. After all, your shades are going to show just as much in the daytime. Have you ever tried covering your old ones? I asked.

She thought that a brilliant idea so I told her how I had done mine.

I HAD a little country cottage. Half its charm came from the fact that it faced due south and the sun came pouring in all day. But unfortunately that faded my pretty chintz curtains all down the edges nearest the window.

I was miserable and had to renew them. The old ones seemed too good to throw away and yet they were too small to make chair covers or sofa covers. So I cut off the faded part and used the rest to cover my old lampshades.

If you make your own you will probably find that you have everything you need among your bits and pieces and do not have to buy a thing.

If you have an old Jap silk slip or a piece of material in your wardrobe, then buy a packet of dye the same colour as your chintz. Mix it with a little water and dip the slip in it.

Then iron it out and tear it into strips about an inch wide. Strip all the material off your old shades until you are left with the naked put of any more. You must make a point of doing a room a day.

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STITCH the top of your chintz to the binding round the top of the frame, turning it in as you go, and see that the material is stretched tightly round the frame. Then stitch the bottom of your chintz to the binding at the bottom of the frame.

When you get to where the two ends meet, cut up the slabs, leaving things like lampshades could change ¼ in. to turn in, and stitch over one the whole look of a room, but they do. I was having tea with a neighbour last week just after she had done her spring cleaning. I thought

SPRING Cleaning By GLORIA MADNESS

THERE are still some misguided wives who almost drive their families—and themselves—to despair by their annual spring-cleans.

It's sheer madness to try and cram it all into one hectic fortnight.

You can take it in your stride, your family remaining in blissful ignorance, if you plan it carefully.

Clean only one room at a time and give yourself at least a day's rest in between each.

Don't map out an exhausting day's programme, and don't have a scappy lunch.

Dry-clean upholstered chairs by rubbing with hot bran.

If drawers stick, rub furniture polish along the edges.

Brightly-coloured carpets, worn threadbare in places, can be renovated with coloured licks to match, brushed on.



Eric Weir Complains that Women Won't LEARN TO COOK

WHY is it, Ladies, that there are so many excellent cook books flying around, and yet you do nothing about it? Do you hope to keep your man by love alone, because, if so, I am going to rush out and marry a cook—but one who is not so plain.

But first I'm going to see if I can't do something towards revolutionising your outlook.

Only last week I was wandering through my favourite bargain basement when my eyes hit a book on cooking. As a more man, I should have passed it by with barely a nod. But it was not an ordinary book. It was one that told you how to make easy, economical little dishes from the Continent, where eating is an art and cooking a profession. So I bought it, and sent it off to my favourite aunt, who, like you, very rarely troubled to buy and digest such things.

The next I heard about that book was in an enthusiastic note from my aunt herself, who had meanwhile made the resolution that Britain should no longer rule the waves on the dinner table. So next time she asked me to dinner this was what we had:

*Cauliflower Cream Soup,
Filletted Soles with Almonds,
Roast Chicken and Chestnut Purée,
A Salad of Endive, Beetroot,
and Eggs,
Creme Genevieve.*

Cauliflower Soup

THIS was made with the remainder of yesterday's cauliflower, which was put into a saucepan together with two peeled, sliced potatoes and a pint of water. After boiling gently for 25 minutes, the potato slices were crushed with a fork.

Then a cupful of milk and a small pot of fresh cream were added and the soup put back on the stove to keep hot while some tiny bread cubes were being fried in butter.

When the cubes were a golden colour, they were thrown into the soup.

soy with some finely chopped parsley and served up very hot.

Soles With Almonds

YOU hadn't thought of that, had you? Yet so simple. The soles or fillets are fried in the usual manner and kept hot in a gentle oven.

Now peel and slice in halves a fair quantity of almonds. Fry them to a light brown colour in fresh butter and sprinkle over the fish.

Chicken With Chestnut Purée

JUST the thing to offer your husband on the day you intend tackling him about buying that silver-fox fur.

There are two ways of cooking the chicken for this dish. You can roast in the ordinary manner in the house, or cook it in one of those oval-shaped porcelain casseroles. In either case, however, always remember to place a piece of butter, some salt, and a dash of pepper inside the chicken beforehand.

Creme Genevieve

THE most appealing of all chocolate entremets. It has the advantage of requiring very little cooking.

Take an egg and one bar of plain chocolate per guest. Separate the yolks from the whites and beat up the yolks into a mousse, with sugar to one's taste. Place a very little water in a saucepan . . . just enough to cover the bottom . . . and break in the bars of chocolate. Melt these on a small flame, stirring round to prevent lumps. Remove from the fire and add the yolks, which should be well mixed with the melted chocolate.

When the mixture is cool add the beaten whites and pour into glasses to set.

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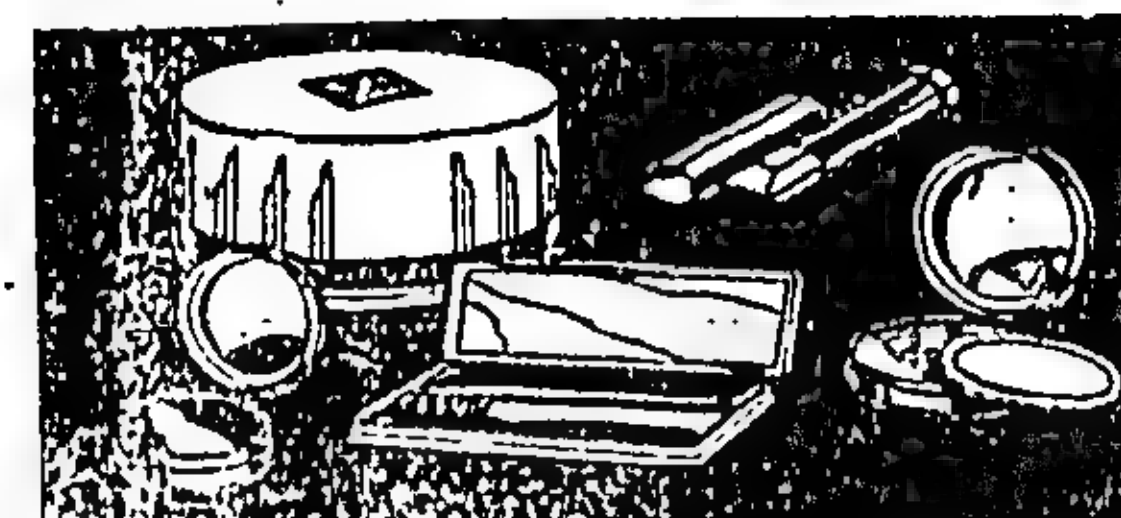
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A boy eleven days old, ninth child of a family of whom only one is alive; father ill and out of work for three months; mother begs for rice from shops. The family has lived in Hong Kong for over ten years. Baby was under-nourished as mother could not feed it adequately. Milk was supplied for the family; the father was helped to hawk and the mother was fed with soup.

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RANCHER EARL'S FIRE RESCUES

COWARD'S
NEW
SHOW

Children Saved, Home Destroyed

Calgary.

THE 24-years-old Earl of Egmont—the "Rancher Earl" who preferred life on the Canadian prairie to his ancestral Avon Castle, in Hampshire—has lost his ranch home.

It has been destroyed by fire. He and the young countess awakened just in time to rescue their three children from the blaze.

They had only a few moments to spare when they hurriedly wrapped up the children and ran through a wall of flames.

The night was bitterly cold and the family found shelter in a ranch employee's shack. Later they went to the countess's former home in Calgary.

The ranch, which "Freddie"—as the young earl insists on being known in the district—took over after his father's death, has been in the family for many years.



GOWN INSPECTION BY Earl Coward and Miss Peggy Wood. She plays in his new show, "Operette," opening at the Opera House, Manchester, next Thursday.

AUSTRALIA BARS DRAFT

Canberra. Prime Minister Lyons has announced that Australians will never be conscripted for war. He declares such a question has never been considered here or at the Empire conferences at London.

"Riviera King" Jailed As International Swindler

COCOS Island treasure; real estate coups in the south of France; a bogus international "bank"—these are spectacular pages from the career of William Henry Billil Quilliam, one-time "King of the Riviera" and dealer in millions, who at 52 finds himself in gaol.

Quilliam, a retired solicitor, was sentenced at the Old Bailey recently to two years' imprisonment for conspiring to defraud people parting with money to Heilbut Symons and Co., Ltd., and obtaining money by false pretences.

Two accomplices, Charles Frederick Davies, aged 51, a Harrow clerk, received four months' imprisonment, and Joseph Jacques Leonel Heion, aged 38, merchant, 12 months.

The trial had lasted eight days, and it was alleged by the prosecution that the firm conducted a scheme for financing business abroad which was a new and dangerous form of fraud.

It was said that the company circularised firms in Palestine, the United States, India, Canada, and European countries offering loans of from £25,000 to £500,000. About £25,000 was obtained, but no loans were issued.

Quilliam's big-business genius was his downfall. He had a head for figures and company-making, including hunting for pirate treasure on the Cocos Islands.

Ironed Himself For Rheumatism

It was stated at a Hammersmith inquest that William John Carter, aged 86, a former bootmaker, of Dieppe Street, Fulham, treated himself for rheumatism by:

Rubbing his limbs with paraffin and

Ironing himself with an ordinary household flat-iron.

He was found semi-conscious on the floor of his room, and taken to hospital, where he died next day.

Recording a verdict of death by misadventure, the deputy coroner (Mr. W. R. H. Meddy) said that Carter died from shock due to extensive burns, the case being very extraordinary, since there was no evidence of the man having come into contact with any flame.

TOWEL DEVICE

The use of a hot iron is a simple method of treating rheumatism recognised by leading specialists, writes the Medical Correspondent.

The iron is applied over a towel as hot as can be borne. This is one of the devices for providing dry heat (others are electric lamps, hot water bottles and bags of hot salt).

It is more effective than the moist heat given by hot baths or poultices because a much higher temperature can be reached without burning.

Hot paraffin wax (not oil) is another widely used and comforting application. The affected part is immersed in it or the wax may be painted over with a brush. Carter seems to have tried to combine the two methods. If he used oil instead of wax the iron may easily have been hot enough to ignite it.

100th Anniversary Of Polar "Cruise"

By Otto Janssen

United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON. THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES' NAVAL EXPLORING EXPEDITION, COMMANDED BY LIEUTENANT CHARLES WILKES, TO BE CELEBRATED THIS YEAR WILL REMIND THE WORLD OF MANY UNSETTLED CONTROVERSIES CONCERNING THE DISCOVERY AND OWNERSHIP OF THE VAST ANTARCTIC CONTINENT.

Explorers of a dozen countries have visited the great frozen land at the bottom of the world, and claims to large areas have been made by or in behalf of Great Britain, Norway, France and the United States. The United States government, however, has not finally and officially recognised any foreign claims, nor waived its own. The problem is vexed because discovery has never been followed by permanent occupation.

United States' interest in the Antarctic had its inception August 18, 1838, when Wilkes, commanding six vessels, sailed from Hampton Roads for an extended cruise that took him around South America, twice into the waters around Antarctica, and twice across the Pacific.

The expedition reached Rio de Janeiro late in November and remained there until January 6, 1839 when it sailed for Orange Harbour at the southernmost tip of South America. From this port several of the ships made a brief excursion into Antarctic waters but were forced to return to warmer waters because of fog and heavy ice.

The ships left their Orange Harbour base and arranged to meet in Valparaiso. Only five arrived, however. The tender Sea Gull ran into a gale shortly after leaving the base and went to the bottom with all hands. Another vessel, the slow-sailing store-ship Relief was ordered to return home, reducing the squadron to four.

After visiting the port of Callao, the expedition started across the Pacific. A month was spent surveying the Low Archipelago in mid-Pacific and temporary observatories were established on various islands. At one of the islands, Clement de Tonnerre, a landing party from the expedition encountered unfriendly natives. Wilkes subdued them by ordering his men to fire mustard-seed at their legs. This was the first of a series of incidents with natives that brought sharp criticism of Wilkes and resulted, among other things, in his being court-martialed upon his return home.

The ships visited Tahiti and then proceeded to the Samoan Islands. Temporary headquarters were established at Tutuila. After stops at a number of small islands, the vessels sailed for Sydney, Australia, which was to be their base for the second Antarctic expedition. They arrived at Sydney Island in November, 1839, and after hasty preparations departed the day after Christmas for the far south. One of the tenders was forced to turn back shortly after the departure because of the heavy ice.

CAUGHT IN ICE JAM

The three remaining ships pushed on despite the constant danger of being crushed by icebergs. The first report that land had been sighted came from the vessel Porpoise on January 13. The commanding officer reported great numbers of sea-elephants, dusty-appearing icebergs and other indications of land nearby. He also said he thought he saw distant mountains to the southwest. The ice field prevented the ship from getting nearer.

Three days later, all three vessels reported they had sighted land. They tried desperately to get closer but the ice barrier blocked their path.

Another vessel, the Peacock was forced out of the search when she was caught in an ice jam which broke her rudder and caused other serious injuries. She limped into Sydney February 21 in a "shattered and sinking condition."

The two remaining vessels, the Vincennes and Porpoise, persisted. On January 30 the Vincennes sighted land which Wilkes named Piner's Bay. One naval commentator wrote that the "name of Antarctic Continent was now for the first time given to the newly-found land."

At the same time Wilkes was in this region a French naval expedition under Comte de La Perouse M. Dumont d'Urville was carrying on explorations. Many authorities as a result of examination of the ship's logs carried by both men contend d'Urville sighted land in the Antarctic—which he called Adelle Land—on the same day that it was seen by Wilkes' expedition 400 miles to the east. It is also held in some quarters that the Frenchman saw what he called Cote Clarie the day before it was sighted by the American explorers.

Rear Admiral J. E. Pillsbury, in a copyrighted article for the U.S. Naval Institute publication, claimed d'Urville failed to change his calendar. Date Line, making his log read one day ahead of the actual date.

Pillsbury contended d'Urville sighted Adelle Land the day after it was discovered by Wilkes and that the French officer saw Cote Clarie the same day but at a later hour than it was sighted by Wilkes.

To further complicate matters, Captain J. C. Ross of the British Navy, in a report of his voyage in the same region, ignored Wilkes' claims and reputedly reflected upon the American officer's veracity. Wilkes countered with the charge that Ross had wilfully copied from a chart which he had given the British when they met at Sydney, bases of both expeditions.

WILKES COURT MARTIALED

The crowning blow came when Wilkes, upon his return to the United States was court-martialed on charges of exceeding his authority, illegally punishing subordinates, being unnecessarily harsh and falsifying his claims. Regarding the latter charge, several of Wilkes' sailors charged he "doctored" his accounts, relating to the discovery of land.

Wilkes was vindicated on all charges except that of illegal punishment of subordinates, for which he was reprimanded. It is a matter of record, however, that Wilkes was a domineering individual who ruled with a firm hand.

After visits to the Fiji Islands and Malalo, where there was trouble with natives, the Expedition sailed for Hawaii and after a visit there headed for the American coast, where it arrived near the mouth of the Columbia River on May 2, 1841. Two of the ships went up the river to explore. The third ship, the Peacock, was to follow but failed to arrive. It was learned later that she was wrecked at the mouth of the river. All hands escaped, however.

From the North American coast the ships returned to Hawaii stopping at Honolulu. The expedition returned home by way of the China Sea, Manila and Singapore, arriving in New York Harbour in July, 1842.

Although the expedition, from the standpoint of scientific discovery and exploration, was one of the most important and thorough ever undertaken by the United States, it has remained obscure in history. More than 200 islands were surveyed, 800 miles of the coast and streams of Oregon were traversed and 1,500 miles of land on the Antarctic Continent were "laid down."

The expedition supplies some of the most complete maps ever drawn. Botanical and geologic specimens, accounts of native customs and drawings of little-known places were brought back to form an important part of this country's scientific data.

Wilkes, before his death, was generally upheld in this country, in his claims. In many maps, including one published by the British Admiralty, a portion of Antarctica is labeled Wilkes Land. Nevertheless, the map claims this area was discovered by a British expedition.

More Wealth In United Kingdom

860 Persons In Britain With Incomes Over £30,000

There were more millionaires in Great Britain and Northern Ireland during the financial year 1935-36 than during the preceding three years.

The Commissioners of the Inland Revenue, in their report for the year ended March 31, 1937, show that the number of persons assessed for Sur-tax—incomes exceeding £2,000—on September 30, 1937, based on the 1935-36 figures, was 80,951, with a total income of £2,440,525,500. The net tax assessed was £252,953,584, the highest since 1931-32.

Of these, 800 may be classed as millionaires, having incomes exceeding £30,000 a year.

In 1934-35 the number was 842; in 1933-34 it was 793; and in 1932-33 it was 800.

The 1935-36 total consisted of—
Incomes Number
£30,000 to £40,000 348
£40,000 to £50,000 180
£50,000 to £75,000 178
£75,000 to £100,000 71
Above £100,000 85

The estimated gross income for Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the financial year 1936-37 was £3,530,000,000, the highest shown in the report, which gives the figures back to 1927-28. For the previous year it was £3,372,043,180, of which Scotland's share was £251,899,588.

The number of individuals entirely relieved from tax by the operation of allowances was 4,980,000, again the highest total in the list, while those chargeable with tax numbered 3,450,000, making an aggregate of 8,430,000, or 300,000 more than the previous year when the record set up in 1931-32 was equalled.

Estate liable to Estate Duty in 1936-37 numbered 147,820, of which 15,931 were in Scotland.

Income-tax for Great Britain and Northern Ireland yielded £227,036,970 net, against a Budget estimate of £229,000,000. The net receipt from Scotland was £14,880,761.

Huge Armies In Europe

Here are the strengths of armies in Europe:—
Germany.—800,000, with 120,000 more to be added.
Britain.—Regular Army, 199,000; reserves, 150,500. Territorials, 159,000. Total, 508,500.
France.—690,000, with reserves of 4,000,000.
Russia.—1,500,000.
Italy.—1,300,000.
Poland.—280,000.

Girl's Claim To Huge Fortune

New York. BRIGHT-EYED, nineteen-year-old Olga Zaharoff recently laid claim in a Boston court to "the £50,000,000 fortune" of Sir Basil Zaharoff, reputed to have been the world's greatest munitions agent. Sir Basil died in France in November 1936.

Olga waved documentary evidence to prove that she is a grandniece of Sir Basil. She is still studying at Boston University.

The will of Sir Basil, leaving her his fortune, has disappeared, she said.

Eight years ago she visited him at his Paris estate. He told her he planned to leave her his money.

LEFT NO WILL. Olga said her father's brother, Basil Zaharoff, is now fighting in the French courts for her interests.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kuzma Zaharoff, fled from Russia before the revolution, according to Olga.

Sir Basil, she added, was an officer in the Russian Army before the war. He married young, but his wife and baby girl died. When Olga was born Sir Basil took "the greatest interest" in her.

Sir Basil left no will. His estate in England was valued at £193,103. He was said to have given away the greater part of his fortune ten years ago.

His stepdaughters said his property in France was worth only £100,000. French law does not compel publication of the value of estates.

£100 Weekly To Lord Warwick

Los Angeles. The Earl of Warwick, under the name of Michael Brooke, has signed a new long-term contract with Paramount. It is stated here recently.

It is believed to be for at least three years at more than £100 a week.

The contract specifies that Lord Warwick be exploited under his screen name only.

"GOOD SCREEN MATERIAL." Officials of Paramount said that his work in a supporting role in "Bull-Head Drummond's Peril" led them to believe that he was good screen material.—British United Press.

The Earl of Warwick recently lost an action against Metro-Goldwyn Mayer, with whom he was formerly under contract. He claimed £1,800 for services and £287 transportation for himself and valet. He went to Hollywood in 1936 to be trained as a film star.

Recently he came to England, leaving again for Hollywood a few days after his marriage had been dissolved.



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SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning.

Banks	Public Utilities
H.K. Banks, \$1,520 n.	H.K. Tramways, \$15 1/2 b.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.), £87 1/2 n.	Peak Trams (old), \$7 b.
Chartered Bank, £11 1/2 n.	Peak Trams (new), \$3 1/2 n.
Mercantile Bank, £2 1/2 n.	Star Ferries, \$85 1/2 b.
Mercantile Bank, £2 1/4 n.	Yau-mat Ferry (old), \$27 1/2 s.
East Asia Bank, \$84 b.	China Light (old), \$12 s.
Insurance	China Light (new), \$9.10 n.
Canton Ins., \$275 n.	H.K. Electric, \$58 1/2 b.
Union Ins., \$530 b.	Macao Electric, \$18 n.
China Underwriters, \$2.05 b.	Sandakan Light, \$14 1/2 n.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$233 n.	Telephone (old), \$24.60 n.
Shipping	Telephone (new), \$10.10 b.
Douglas, \$66 b.	China Buses, Sh. —
H.K. Steamships, \$17 1/2 b.	Singapore Tractors, 24/6 n.
Indo-China (Prof.), \$51 a.	Singapore Prof., 23/6 n.
Indo-China (Def.), \$24 n.	Industrials
Shell Bearer, 80/- n.	Cald: Macg. (old), Sh. \$14 1/4 n.
Union Waterworks, \$8.00 n.	Cald: Macg. (Prof.), Sh. \$12 1/4 n.
Docks etc.	Canton Ice, \$1.70 n.
H.K. & W. Wharves, \$136 n.	Cement, \$17.05 n.
H.K. & W. Docks, (see below).	H.K. Ropes, \$4.05 n.
Providents (old), \$3.50 b. n. ex. d.	Stores, &c.
Providents (new), \$3.32 1/2 b.	Dairy Farm, \$24 1/2 b.
New Engineering, Sh. \$3.00 n.	Watsons, \$8.80 n.
Shanghai Docks, Sh. \$88 n.	Lane Crawfords, \$9 1/4 n.
Kailan Mining Adm., 14/- n.	Sinceres, \$2.20 n.
Itabusa, \$8.16 b.	Wing On (H.K.), \$49 b.
Venz: Goldfield, \$4 n.	William Powell, Ltd., 70 cts. b.
Hongkong Mines, 10 cts. n.	Cotton Mills
Philippine Mining	Evo Cotton, Sh. \$14.05 n.
Antamoka, P., 40 1/2 sa.	Shai Cotton (old), Sh. \$73 n.
Atoks, P., 23 1/2 sa.	Zong Singa, Sh. —
Banguet Gold, P., 10 1/2 sa.	Miscellaneous
Banguet Consol., P., 0.30 sa.	H.K. Entertainments, \$6.30 n.
Banguet Explor., P. —	Constructions, \$1 1/2 b.
Big Wedge, P., 40 sa.	Vibro Pilling, \$3 1/2 n.
Coco Groves, P., 40 sa.	Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 GSEds., 72% n.
Consolidated Mines, P., 0.11 sa.	H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 6% prm. n.
Demonstrations, P., 33 1/2 sa.	H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan 2% prm.
E. Minidano, P. —	Wallace Harpers, \$13 n.
Gumaus G'fields, P. —	Marsmans Ins. (Lon.), s/- 11/3 n.
Ips Gold, P. —	Marsmans Ins. (H.K.), s/- 3/10 b.
L.K.L., P., 63 sa.	H.K. & W. Docks, \$21.70 n. X. Rts.
Hogons, P. —	H.K. & W. Docks (enw), \$21 n.
Mosbale Consols., P. —	H.K. & W. Docks Rts. \$11 sa.
Min. Resources, P. —	THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.
Northern Min., P. —	THERAPION NO. 1
Paracale Gumaus, P., 18 sa.	THERAPION NO. 2
Salacet Mining, P. —	THERAPION NO. 3
San Maurice, P., 41 sa.	No. 1 Cures: Rheumatism, Gout, Sciatica, Neuralgia, Headache, Migraine, Stomach Disorders, Indigestion, Constipation, Liver Disorders, Biliousness, Skin Disorders, Eczema, Psoriasis, Scabies, etc.
Suyoc Consol., P., 18 1/2 sa.	No. 2 Cures: Chronic Weakness, Nerve Exhaustion, Neuritis, Neurasthenia, Depression, Anxiety, Insomnia, etc.
United Paracales, P., 41 sa.	No. 3 Cures: Chronic Weakness, Nerve Exhaustion, Neuritis, Neurasthenia, Depression, Anxiety, Insomnia, etc.
Lands, Hotels, etc.	
H. and S. Hols., \$6.40 b. ex. div.	
H.K. Lands, \$35 b.	
H.K. Lands, 4% Dohen \$100 b.	
Shai Lands, Sh. \$8 1/2 n.	
Metropolitan Lands, Sh. —	

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 11th day of April, 1938, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok Taul, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
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Humphries, \$9 1/4 n.	H.K. Realities, \$5.20 n.
Chinese Estates, \$97 b.	China Realities, Sh. —
China Deben.	
H.K. Tramways, \$15 1/2 b.	Peak Trams (old), \$7 b.
Peak Trams (new), \$3 1/2 n.	Star Ferries, \$85 1/2 b.
Yau-mat Ferry (old), \$27 1/2 s.	China Light (old), \$12 s.
China Light (new), \$9.10 n.	H.K. Electric, \$58 1/2 b.
Macao Electric, \$18 n.	Sandakan Light, \$14 1/2 n.
Telephone (old), \$24.60 n.	Telephone (new), \$10.10 b.
China Buses, Sh. —	Singapore Tractors, 24/6 n.
Singapore Prof., 23/6 n.	
Industrials	
Cald: Macg. (old), Sh. \$14 1/4 n.	Cald: Macg. (Prof.), Sh. \$12 1/4 n.
Canton Ice, \$1.70 n.	Cement, \$17.05 n.
H.K. Ropes, \$4.05 n.	
Stores, &c.	
Dairy Farm, \$24 1/2 b.	Watsons, \$8.80 n.
Lane Crawfords, \$9 1/4 n.	Sinceres, \$2.20 n.
Wing On (H.K.), \$49 b.	William Powell, Ltd., 70 cts. b.
Cotton Mills	
Evo Cotton, Sh. \$14.05 n.	Shai Cotton (old), Sh. \$73 n.
Zong Singa, Sh. —	
Miscellaneous	
H.K. Entertainments, \$6.30 n.	Constructions, \$1 1/2 b.
Vibro Pilling, \$3 1/2 n.	Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 GSEds., 72% n.
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Wallace Harpers, \$13 n.	Marsmans Ins. (Lon.), s/- 11/3 n.
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HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB

Tennis Tournament 1938.

Weather permitting the following matches will be played off next week on the Stand Court:—

Monday, April 11th. Open Doubles—Semi-Final (Lower Half) (Tsui Wai Pui and Tsui Yun Pui vs J. W. Leonard and George Chou)

Wednesday, April 13th. Open Singles—Semi-Final (Lower Half) Tsui Yun Pui (H. R. Rumjahn or) vs (W. C. Hung Paul Kong)

Thursday, April 14th. Open Singles—Semi-Final (Top Half) Tsui Wai Pui vs S. A. Rumjahn

Booking for the above matches now open at Moutrie's. Entrance to Stand — \$1.00 (Including Tax).

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-Ninth Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 12th day of April, 1938, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1937.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 1st APRIL, 1938, to TUESDAY, the 12th APRIL, 1938, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. C. T. BECK, Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1938.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, 13th APRIL, 1938, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1937, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

THE SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 26th MARCH to 13th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES, General Manager.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, 13th APRIL, 1938, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1937, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 26th MARCH to 13th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES, General Manager.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 13th APRIL, 1938, at 11.25 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1937, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

THE SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 26th MARCH to 13th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—I have read with profound admiration your leading article of the 5th inst., entitled "China Stands Alone But Now United", particularly those references to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek. It is so truly and excellently written that no reasonable man will dare to challenge the same.

A few days ago Hitler said that on the day when the Austrian Plebisite he would be the leader of the greatest army in the World's history. On the day when the Kuomintang Congress conferred the title of Dictatorship on the Generalissimo he could have said: "On this eventful day you have chosen me as the leader of a brave people now fighting against an army of marauders." There is now no need for the Japanese to bring the Chinese soldiers to their knees. Just bring the Generalissimo to his knees and the war will be over and the great Chinese Republic will be another Korea. But the Japanese have no more chance of bringing Marshal Chiang to his knees than they have of forcing Lord Halifax to surrender Hongkong to Japan so that the present local Consul-General may become the first Mayor of Wanchow or even the first Governor-General of "the Gibraltar of the East".

Now that we are fighting as a united nation under the leadership of one of the greatest military geniuses of modern times, Japanese may come and go but Chinese resistance will go on forever. Japanese may destroy all our big cities and all our property, but not our souls. Let us suppose the proportion of men killed in the war will be five Chinese to every one Japanese, then by the time three hundred and fifty millions Chinese are killed there will not be a single Japanese alive on the face of this Good Earth.

PRO PATRIA.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

SWAN, CULBERTSON & FRITZ LATEST REPORTS

New York, Apr. 6.

S. C. & F. Dow Jones summary of yesterday's markets:

The market to-day brightened on better automobile news, with an estimate of the week's output showing a rise of 18%, which is the largest for any week since January. The magazine "Iron Age" estimates steel production at 32.8% of capacity. A decline in car-loadings is indicated, although it is expected that the bumper winter wheat crop will aid carriers. There is increased pressure on the part of the Administration to encourage business, while the seasonal rise in steel production is also a favorable factor. Buying, however, is faltering; the market being worried by the French crisis. Gasoline stocks again show an increase.

S. C. & F. New York correspondent cables:

Stocks: The abrupt reversal of yesterday's up-trend is an unfavorable indication, but the light volume of business indicates absence of selling pressure.

Cotton: The poor mill situation and Bombay selling on differences continue to be depressing factors. The "Journal of Commerce" acreage estimate shows a total of 26,900,000 acres.

Wheat: There is some belief that the fine crop outlook has discounted the view of a possible change before harvest, but reports continue excellent. It is reported that the action of May position on the Winnipeg market is attracting the attention of Exchange Officials.

Corn: Heavy exports are awaiting the opening of lake navigation on April 15th.

Rubber: Moderate factory interest is reported. Business in c.i.f. is small and prices are firmly held.

Sugar: The market to-day was quiet, although there was some scattered liquidation.

Dow Jones Averages:

	April 5.	Close
30 Industrials	108.30	108.20
20 Stocks	21.45	20.20
20 Utilities	17.42	17.05
40 Bonds	85.15	84.87
11 Commodity Index	49.07	48.88

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, April 6.

	New York Cotton	Closing
May	8.49/48	8.47/47
July	8.50/56	8.52/52
Oct.	8.63/63	8.60/60
Dec.	8.65/66	8.63/63
Jan. (1939)	8.68/68	8.65 N
Mar. (1939)	8.71/71	8.69 N

Spot First Notice Day for May

Cotton is April 26

	New York Rubber	Closing
May	11.15b/24	11.09/10
July	11.20/20	11.20/20
Sept.	11.37/37	11.40/40
Dec.	11.63/60	11.61/61
Jan.	11.67 N	11.67 N

Sales for the day—2,270 tons.

Chicago Wheat

	May	July	Sept.
May	81 1/4/81 1/4	81 1/4/81 1/4	81 1/4/81 1/4
July	79 1/4/79 1/4	79 1/4/79 1/4	79 1/4/79 1/4
Sept.	79 1/4/79 1/4	79 1/4/79 1/4	79 1/4/79 1/4

Tuesday's Sales:—23,045,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

	May	July	Sept.
May	59 1/4/59 1/4	59 1/4/59 1/4	59 1/4/59 1/4
July	61 1/4/61 1/4	61 1/4/61 1/4	61 1/4/61 1/4
Sept.	61 1/4/61 1/4	61 1/4/61 1/4	61 1/4/61 1/4

Winnipeg Wheat

	May	July	Sept.
May	121 1/4/122 1/4	123 1/4/123 1/4	123 1/4/123 1/4
July	109 1/4/108 1/4	109 1/4/108 1/4	109 1/4/108 1/4
Sept.	86 1/4/86 1/4	86 1/4/86 1/4	86 1/4/86 1/4

POST OFFICE.

AIR MAIL LETTERS

Air mail letters may be posted in the ordinary posting boxes. They should be clearly marked "By Air Mail" and bear sufficient postage. Insufficiently prepaid letters may be taxed with double the deficiency or forwarded by Steamer Service, at the discretion of the Post Office.

AIR MAIL SERVICES

Air Mail Services to Shanghai, Nanking, Tientsin, and Peking are temporarily suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

VIA SIBERIA ROUTE

Letters and Postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Haiphong	Canton	April 7.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., 10th March)	Emp. of Asia	April 7.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—London date, 30th March	Imperial Airways Plane	April 7.
Straits	Isar	April 7.
Amoy	Shirala	April 7.
Japan	Dakar Maru	April 8.
Japan and Shanghai	Hakusan Maru	April 8.
Bangkok and Swatow	Kalgan	April 8.
Japan	Kunishima Maru	April 8.
Shanghai	M/v Shantung	April 8.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Francisco date, 11th March)	Pres. Pierce	April 8.
Straits and Europe via Negapatnam (Letters and Papers) London date, 10th March	Kashima Maru	April 9.
Shanghai and Amoy	Taiyuan	April 9.
Japan	Taihyubus	April 9.
Straits and Manila	Victorin	April 9.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—London date, 2nd April	Imperial Airways Plane	April 10.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Air- ways Direct Service"—San Fran- cisco date, 1st April	Pan-American Airways Plane	April 10.
Amoy	Tylsinak	April 10.
Saigon	G. G. Paul Dounir	April 11.
Japan	Hakodate Maru	April 11.
Hankow and Manila	Changte	April 12.
Shanghai	Glengarry	April 12.
Calcutta and Straits	Santhin	April 12.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 17th March and London Parcels—London date, 10th March	Corfu	April 13.
Straits and Manila	Deucalion	April 13.
Straits	Serdan	April 13.
Tybednie	Tybednie	April 13.
Japan and Shanghai	Jean Laborde	April 14.
Japan	Kidderpore	April 14.
Saigon	D'Artagnan	April 15.
Japan and Shanghai	Ranpura	April 15.

CARDINAL INNITZER EXPLAINS

Not Surrendering Church's Liberty In Austria

Vatican City, Apr. 6. Interviewed by the Osservatore Romano before leaving the Vatican City following a 15 minutes' audience with Pope Pius, Cardinal Innitzer declared that the declaration of the Austrian bishops should not be interpreted as approving anything incompatible with the liberty of the Church, or as an obligation of conscience on Catholics to the State or Nazi Party.

Particularly the bishops demanded that all regulations relating to schools and the bringing up of youth should be in accordance with the natural rights of parents and the principles of the Catholic Church.

Propaganda against religion and the Church must be prohibited.

HITLER MAY SEE POPE

Vatican City, April 6. Cardinal Innitzer reported to the Pope the situation concerning the Austrian plebiscite, after a conference with Cardinal Facelli, Papal Secretary.

Meanwhile, there is speculation as to whether Herr Adolf Hitler may visit Pope Pius on the occasion of his state visit to Rome in May.—United Press.

CONCERT IN AID OF WAR VICTIMS

A concert in aid of the Hongkong Students' Relief Association will be held to-morrow and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Hongkong University, under the patronage of the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Le and Mr. D. J. Sloss, Chancellor. The entire proceeds will be used to purchase medical supplies for war relief work.

An interesting programme has been arranged, including selections by the Chinese Philharmonic Orchestra; violin solos by Mr. Ma Si-hon; vocal selections by Mr. Li Chor-chi; popular Hawaiian music by Mr. Andrew Chan and his Hawaiian Troubadours; Chinese music by Mr. Wan Tse-chung; piano solo by Mrs. R. Ching and tap-dancing by Miss Leung Chor-wu.

Tickets may be had at Messrs. Tsang Fook Piano Co. or at the University on the nights of the concert.

DOG OWNER FINED

A fine of \$15 was imposed on Miss Abington, 4 Lincoln Road, by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning when she admitted a summons for allowing her dog abroad without muzzle or lead on March 14.

Chinese Fly In Shanghai Area Again

Shanghai, Apr. 7. For the first time for months, Chinese aeroplanes paid a day-time visit to the Shanghai area yesterday, according to Chinese reports, which state that a squadron flew over the western district of Hainanhuwa, at 7 o'clock yesterday morning.

Reconnoitring Japanese troops are reported to have fired on the machines without success.

The Chinese machines retired in a south-westerly direction after circling about for half an hour.

The same reports state that several Japanese planes subsequently ascended, apparently seeking the Chinese machines.—Reuter.

NEW NAVAL SHIPS GIVEN SOUND FILM EQUIPMENT

London, April 6. All ships under construction above and including gunboats, are being fitted with equipment for sound reproduction for training and instructional purposes, said Mr. A. Duff Cooper, First Lord of the Admiralty during question time in the House of Commons to-day.

This equipment, he said, would be suitable for the production of sound films, and would enable ships' companies to use it for cinema entertainment.—Reuter.

MASS FOR CHINA'S SUFFERERS TO BE SAID IN LONDON

London, Apr. 6. At the invitation of Cardinal Hinsley, Bishop of London, Vicar Apostolic at Nanjing, will celebrate Mass in Westminster Cathedral on April 8 for suffering Catholics in China and for world peace.

Members of the Diplomatic Corps may be present.—Reuter.

AMBASSADOR TO FLY TO CHINA'S CAPITAL, APRIL 9

Hankow, Apr. 6. The British Ambassador is proceeding to Chungking by air on April 9 to present his credentials.—United Press.

NAVAL EXPERT RECALLED

Washington, Apr. 6. The Senate Naval Committee has recalled Admiral Leahy, who testified that extra Panama Canal defences would be valuable.—United Press.

ITALIAN ENVOY WAS PLEASSED



COUNT GRANDI, the Italian Ambassador, walking to the Foreign Office for a conference during the recent crisis.

HEAVY SENTENCE FOR WOMAN WHO HID OPIUM

Acting on information, Revenue officers, headed by Senior Revenue Officer A. Grimmit, raided a premises in Bonham Road, and Wong Ng, woman, 38, was charged with possession of 189 taels of prepared opium and 400 taels of raw opium as a result.

Senior Revenue Officer Grimmit stated that yesterday morning they raided the address and after a long search, managed to locate the hiding place of the opium. The opium was hidden in the wall.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$8,000 or, in default, six months' imprisonment, and in addition a year's imprisonment. On the second charge, defendant was fined \$400 with the alternative of six months' imprisonment, and in addition a year's imprisonment. The sentences to run concurrently.

Stock Market Sentiment Now Firmer

London, Apr. 6.

The London Stock Exchange showed an early dullness to-day, due to lack of confirmation of favourable rumours circulating overnight, but this quickly yielded to a better sentiment, resulting in general net gains.

Gilt-edged holding were firm, though they closed below the best.

Among the commodities, cocoa was weak, heavy liquidation following unconfirmed rumours that a Gold Coast hold-up had broken down. Wall Street was easier.—United Press.

INSURGENTS DRIVE DEEPER INTO CATALONIA

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the Catalan front, to show toleration to political prisoners and to the hospitals.—Reuter, Bulletin.

Advance Continues

Saragossa, Apr. 6.

The insurgents announced at 4 o'clock this afternoon, that they were approximately two miles from Tremp, which is in the heart of the hydro-electric and power plant region of Catalonia.—United Press.

Sanctions Threat By Cabinet

Barcelona, Apr. 6.

The new Cabinet of the Barcelona Government has warned that it will invoke sanctions against those failing to support the Government against the insurgents.—United Press.

NOT HARD TO SELL OILFIELD

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of petroleum be reserved as payment for expropriated properties. The Finance Minister is also to fix as soon as possible for a similar purpose, a percentage of the income from petroleum sold within Mexico.

Mr. F. W. Rickett is still conferring with the Finance Minister with regard to the proposed sale of the major portion of the Mexican output.

Meanwhile foreign companies have filed another injunction questioning the constitutional validity of the expropriation. They argue that President Cardenas might find the position difficult should they technically win, if he accepted a cash deposit from Mr. Rickett on a deal which had an illegal basis.—Reuter.

WHEN IRISH EYES SMILE



MR. DE VALERA gave one of his rare smiles as he chatted with Mr. Dulanty, High Commissioner for Eire, in London, after the conference.

Wedding At Registry

The wedding took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, this morning before Mr. W. A. Jones, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, between Mr. James Clarence Middleton-Smith, stock-broker, of 1 University Path, Hongkong, and Miss Anne Madeline Van Der Stegen, residing at Dina House, Duddell Street.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Antoine Van Der Stegen, merchant, and the bridegroom the son of Professor Cades Alfred Middleton-Smith, of the Hongkong University.

The witnesses were Mr. A. Van Der Stegen, the bride's father, and Mr. H. J. Armstrong.

JAPANESE FORGOT FORMALITIES

Described as an assistant painter, Nobuyoshi Kobayashi, 29, a Japanese, appeared before Mr. H. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with failing to report his change of address from the Chitau Hotel to Kennedy Road, and failing to notify his change of business address from the Chitau Hotel to the Domei News Agency.

Acting Sub-Inspector J. H. E. Edwards said the hotel reported to the police on March 1 that Kobayashi had left. Information was received yesterday concerning defendant, and he was found working in the news Agency. Defendant had been in the Colony since 1934.

Fines of \$10 on each count were imposed.

\$50 FINE FOR RADIO OWNER

Woo Tong-lee, Fort Street, Bay View, was fined \$50 by Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy this morning for failing to have a licence for his radio set on March 4. It was stated that defendant had an expired licence, which he had failed to renew, and had also moved from his old address without notifying the authorities.

Countess Will Share Throne

WHEN Countess Geraldine Apponyi marries King Zog of Albania this spring she will step from the twentieth century atmosphere of Budapest, Vienna and Paris to the primitive conditions of the Albanian capital.

She will share the newest throne in Europe and rule over a country of a million people, hundreds of whom are divided by blood feuds which have lasted for generations. Albania has no railways; few good roads; communication is still chiefly by mule track, and, despite King Zog's attempts to modernise his mountainous kingdom, only faint traces of Western influence are to be found in the cities of Tirana, Durazzo and Scutari.

The capital, Tirana, largest town in the country, has a population of only 30,000.

Although women are safe anywhere in Albania, they are rarely seen in the streets, and most of them are veiled. They cook for their husbands and for their husbands' guests, but they do not eat at the same table.

Countess Geraldine is the granddaughter of the former Marshal at the Court of the Emperor Franz Josef—Count Ludwig Apponyi—and is the daughter of Count Julius Apponyi, who married a wealthy American.

EYE-WITNESS TELLS OF ARTILLERY DUEL AROUND TAIERCHWANG

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arrived on the scene before the commencing was complete.

This morning Captain Tseng repaired the machine and took off within sight and sound of the Japanese guns. He flew south while we waved good-bye.—United Press.

Tenacious Fighting At Taierschwang

Peiping, Apr. 7.

A Japanese spokesman announced that the south-west corner of Taierschwang was still held by the Chinese, who engaged in tenacious street fighting for every house.

He said the Japanese were mopping up the Chinese positions outside the west wall.

On April 5, said the spokesman, Japanese attacked the Chinese at Yuchang, 10 kilometres north-east of Taierschwang. He added that he believed these Chinese formed the new division which was moving towards the north-west.

The spokesman said that the Japanese captured Anhui, 35 kilometres west of Tunglung, on April 4.—United Press.

INCOME-TAX CONCESSIONS FOR U.S. BUSINESSMEN

Washington, Apr. 6.

The Senate Finance Committee today voted for a committee amendment to the Revenue Bill, under which the Bill will waive penalties for interest on disputed income-tax claims against American business men in the Philippines from 1917 to 1920, but it will require payment of principle.—United Press.

LEAPS TO DEATH

Another suicide of a patient in a local hospital occurred early this morning. According to a police report, a woman, Yeung Lai-yin, jumped from the first floor verandah of the Kwong Wah Hospital at 1.20 a.m. and was killed.

COOLIE BADLY HURT

A coolie, Shek Lui, suffered a fractured skull when he fell while working on a Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company lighter at the North Wall, Naval Dockyard, yesterday.

EXCHANGE RATES

	April 4.	April 5.
Paris	100%	101
Geneva	21.64%	21.64%
Berlin	12.36%	12.37%
Milan	54 1/2%	54 1/2%
Athens	94 3/4%	94 3/4%
Stockholm	19.90	19.90
Copenhagen	22.40	22.40
Helsingfors	19.40	19.40
Shanghai	220 1/2%	220 1/2%
New York	1-1/2%	1-1/2%
Vienna	4.00%	4.00%
Amsterdam	20 1/2%	20 1/2%
Prague	142 1/2%	142 1/2%
Madrid	Nom.	Nom.
Lisbon	110 1/2%	110 1/2%
Hongkong	1-1/8%	1-1/8%
Bombay	4.99 1/2%	4.99 1/2%
Brussels	29.50 1/2%	29.47 1/2%
Yokohama	1-1/2%	1-1/2%
Belgrade	217	217
Bucharest	677 1/2%	677 1/2%
Montevideo	20 1/2%	19 1/2%
Rio de Janeiro	21 1/2%	21 1/2%
Silver (Spot)	19 1/2%	19 1/2%
Silver (forward)	18 1/2%	18 1/2%
War Loan	102 1/2%	102 1/2%

—British Wireless.

GAMING HOUSE DISCOVERED

Three persons, Lo Yau, 42, widow, Ho Chan-hing, 20, and So Yu-hing, 28, unemployed, were charged before Mr. E. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, with keeping a common gaming house at an address in Hollywood Road. The woman was fined \$50, while the two men were fined \$25 each. Detective-Sergeant Soutar prosecuted.

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BIRTH

HOLLINGS.—At the Kowloon Hospital, on Monday, April 4th, to Helen, wife of Dr. G. W. Hollings of Fatsan, S. China, a daughter.

DEATH

GOLDENBERG.—At 7.40 a.m. to-day, Daisy, wife of Mr. William Goldenberg. Funeral at the Jewish Cemetery at 5 p.m. No flowers by request.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 1938.

CAUSE FOR COMPLAINT

There were incidents reported from Shanghai yesterday which to foreign nationals in the Far East will have brought amazement and indignation, respectively. The first was the alleged ban against Hongkong newspapers and the censorship ruling concerning the *Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury*; the second was the assault on a British subject and his Chinese workmen by Japanese soldiers.

Hongkong newspapers, it seems, are classed by the Japanese with such dangerous materials as Communist and anti-Japanese literature. The reason for this is fairly obvious, for it is an easy step in deduction to conclude that because a newspaper publishes reports of enemy successes it is partial to that enemy. The conclusion is not necessarily sound. The majority of uncensored newspapers in the world to-day seek after truth, and publish it, even though it may not be particularly palatable to their readers. It might just as well be argued by Chinese that because Hongkong newspapers have from time to time given prominence to despatches concerning Japanese successes that the press of the Colony was supporting Japan. Of course it may be a coincidence that the ban on Hongkong papers has occurred at a time when they are reporting Chinese gains in Shansi and Shantung; and there may be something else behind the Japanese decision. But since the action has not been explained it is necessary for those interested also to fall back upon deduction, and their conclusion, may be wrong.

As for the fate of the *Shanghai Post and Mercury*, it has always been outspoken, it is true, and has not hesitated to condemn Japan for her China policy. But newspapers all over the world have done the same, though perhaps not so frequently or in the same terms. However, if the Japanese do not want to read this publication, or any of the others that offend from time



PEASANT BORN
"We remain democratic because we are workers and peasants."

THE full glare of the European limelight is now, after Austria and Spain, focused on the democratic Republic of Czechoslovakia. Towards her the eyes of Hitler are ominously turned.

This little State, freed after the war from the top-heavy Austro-Hungarian Empire, lies at the very hub and centre of Europe and of the struggle between the forces of democracy and Fascism.

Her 15,000,000 people, a composite of Czechs, Slovaks, Germans, Hungarians and Poles, with the Czechs and Slovaks predominating, are for the most part workers and peasants, simple, hardworking, peace-loving. Masaryk, creator of Czechoslovakia, was the son of a groom; Benes, his successor as President, is the son of a peasant; half of his Cabinet Ministers are the sons of workers and peasants.

Long suppression by Imperial Austria-Hungary taught the Czechoslovak the priceless boon of democratic liberty. Alone among the Central European States, they have raised and nurtured a progressive country with free institutions. Parliamentary rule, liberty of speech and the written word and equality of citizenship.

THIS vital stronghold of democracy in Europe stands, perilously isolated, on the political and military high road from Berlin to Rome. Now Germany, on the west, surrounds nearly one-third of her entire frontier; on her other borders lie the vassal states of Hitler and Mussolini—Austria, Hungary, Poland—and dictator-ruled Rumania.

Hitler, only a week ago, threatened to "protect" her German minority of 3,500,000, the "Sudeten-Deutschen," whose leaders are his openly proclaimed henchmen.

What will democratic little

—R. L. STEVENSON.

to time, there is still no reasonable excuse for their attempt to force others to ape their taste. Shanghai is a cosmopolitan city, and surely the powers which govern it are to be trusted to safeguard the morals of the English-reading community at least. To forbid any International Settlement newspaper the utilisation of the Shanghai post office facilities seems a high-handed piece of interference with the rights of foreign nationals.

As for the assault on the British national and his Chinese employees, these incidents have ceased to cause surprise. But the indignation they arouse is none the less considerable. It is a pity that men who are known the world over for their bravery in war should so far forget themselves as to assault defenceless persons and lay themselves open to censure for such unintelligent conduct. If, as is likely, the whole trouble arose from the language difficulty, one party being unable to understand the demands or explanations of the other, it is no credit to the Japanese soldiers involved that they did not have the wit to realise it or give their victim the opportunity of explaining himself to the proper authorities, wherever they may be.

"Only a Little Country, but . . .

WE FEAR NOTHING"

Czechoslovakia's President

discusses Europe

with

A. L. EASTERMAN



Democratic oasis in the heart of a desert of "authoritarian" States.

Czechoslovakia do against the Nazi-Fascist menace that faces her? What do her leaders think of her future in fear-ridden, dictator-driven Europe?

Following my recent interview with King Carol of Rumania, I had a long talk with President Edouard Benes in the grim old fortress-palace of the ancient Bohemian kings on the high hill overlooking Prague, his capital. We discussed the main phases of the dangerous European scene and the critical position within it of his own State.

His words, which he gave me permission to publish, are dramatic, brave and peculiarly important at this moment.

"I do not believe war in Europe is imminent or inevitable," he said. "But we are preparing for all eventualities and would defend our democratic institutions if they were attacked. We are a small country and a little people, but we fear nothing."

Dr. Benes spoke with characteristic directness. There is nothing of the reticent formality of a ruler about him.

My introduction to him was made with a complete absence of fuss. No uniforms, no flunkeydom, no stiff obsequies; everything severe, business-like, but pleasantly informal.

He is short, chubby-faced, with a high forehead, thinning grey hair and small grey moustache. His light grey eyes are keen and sparkling with intelligent alertness and his mouth is firm and decisive.

He answered my questions in excellent English.

I asked Dr. Benes about the relations between Czechoslovakia and Germany and whether his country was in danger of becoming another 1914 Belgium.

"We have given proof that we really wish to come to an agreement with Germany," he replied.

"We continue the policy of collaboration with Western Europe, the League of Nations and democracy. We wish to collaborate sincerely and with friendship for peace with all our neighbours, but there must be no interference in internal affairs."

"But one ought to know if other countries will follow this policy. We remain a democratic country because we are workers and peasants."

"No matter what happens, we shall not abandon our parliamentary democracy."

I then asked Dr. Benes for his views on the Berlin-Rome "axis" and the new "cordiality" to Germany and Italy shown by some of

the States of Central Europe.

"Western Europe must be strong," he said, "and should continue to show an interest in the little States of Europe. If it does, things will improve gradually. If it does not, who knows what will happen to Europe as a whole?"

"We are not hostile to any nation, nor do we want to be used as an instrument against any nation."

"We want to be like Holland and Belgium—Independent and free."

Is the suggested approach for agreement between the Great Powers, I asked, a right move in the direction of European peace?

"The question of European peace should not be divided," he replied. "Agreement between the Great Powers must not be localised but must be applied to all Europe."

"Peace should not be localised in one direction and abandoned in another. To-day you can localise nothing."

I asked him about fears of war in Europe and the prospects and conditions for peace.

He leaned forward eagerly. "I do not believe a European war to be either imminent or inevitable," he replied. "There is therefore time in which to strengthen the forces for peace and to solve outstanding international problems."

"As I see it, no nation really wants to provoke a war. Nor is the so-called drive towards rearmament an inevitable prelude to war."

"For a certain time, therefore, we will not have war; but everything depends on us, the statesmen, the people who direct affairs."

"We are, however, now in a situation where there are theories in Europe that war must come again and that material force is decisive in history."

"In face of such ideas you can stop war only if the forces which stand for peace are stronger than those which proclaim the theories of material power."

"There is no other way to save peace. If you are strong and sincere in your defence of peace you will always be able to save it."

I inquired about Czechoslovakia's thorniest problem—the German minority whose "persuasion," alleged by the Nazis, is the cause of acute friction with Germany.

"There is complete equality for

minorities under our constitution and we have full liberty of speech and the Press.

"We are remedying all legitimate grievances and shall continue to do so."

"We, the Government and myself, have made a solemn declaration to this effect and this will be realised."

FINALLY, I broached the question which has become a vital factor in the fierce hostility between Germany and Soviet Russia—the Nazi allegations that Czechoslovakia is being used as a "jumping-off" ground for a Soviet attack on Germany.

I called Dr. Benes' attention to repeated statements that there were Russian aerodromes and aeroplanes in Czechoslovakia, and that Russian officers were in charge of them.

For the first time during our long conversation Dr. Benes assumed a sternly challenging attitude.

Slowly, and almost fiercely, he said: "Allegations of Russian direction of or participation in our armed forces are absolute nonsense. There is no such thing; there never was and there is no reason that there should be."

One theme ran consistently through his rapidly spoken, eloquent words—pride in the freedom and well-being of a peasant and worker people.

"We are all workers and peasants or their sons and daughters," he told me. "I am the son of a peasant and I shall always remain so even if I am President."

"I have eight brothers and sisters. Two of my brothers are railwaymen, one is a workman in America and two are school-teachers. Another is a peasant. My two sisters are the wives of peasants."

"I live in the President's palace while my brothers and sisters remain in the village. To us this is quite natural, especially as half of our Cabinet Ministers are the sons and daughters of workmen and peasants."

I recall a great little man, head of a stalwart and vitally important little country, an oasis of freedom in a turgid "authoritarian" desert.

Claude Gant

WHY NOT BE POPULAR?

There are different kinds of popularity—national, local, and domestic. It is not given to many to enjoy nation-wide acclaim; nor can we all be general favourites in our own town or village. But it is comparatively easy to become popular in one's immediate circle of friends.

This business of being popular involves somewhat of a paradox, for the less time you spend thinking about yourself the more time other people will have for you. The egoist is never welcome at any moment. The man who tries to impress others with his own great capacities and accomplishments is always a dreadful bore. Besides, people do not always believe him, though they may be too polite to hint a doubt. They may prefer to judge for themselves.

Almost as bad as the egoist is the man (or woman) who continually sings the praises of his (or her) relatives. It does not make you popular to proclaim that your sister is the prettiest girl or the most brilliant pianist for miles around. Why? Because human nature being what it is, your hearers instinctively begin to think of connections of their own who are clever and attractive.

Good Listeners

Praise of your particular possessions is apt to become wearisome,

too. Your audience may themselves have cars or houses about which they think a little. On the other hand, if they happen not to possess an expensive car or a fine house, they will resent being reminded of yours. It may seem very pretty, but that is human nature.

In order to handle this human nature, petty as it may be, it is necessary to have plenty of tact. This comes from an instinctive sympathy, or fellow-feeling, which must be intimate and cannot be taught. Factful people are always popular. They are good listeners, which goes a long way.

A bore may be defined as the man who will insist upon talking about his rheumatism when you want to talk about your scintilla. The tactful man keeps quiet about his scintilla, and lets the other fellow talk about his own ailment to his heart's content. Thus he achieves great popularity and the reputation for being most intelligent and sympathetic.

Going One Better

There is no hypocrisy about this. It reminds us that some stupid people are so opposed to being hypocritical that they rush to the other extreme, and trample rough-shod over others' feelings. "I am a John

Blunt," they proclaim. "I say just what I think, and I don't care whether I please or offend."

Well, if that should be their attitude towards others, they need not be surprised if they frighten all their acquaintances away. That is most certainly not the way to be popular. When all is said and done, to proclaim that you do not care if you offend or not does not show a very pleasant or amiable disposition. A really nice person does not offend anybody, either intentionally or the reverse.

There is one type of person who will never be anything but unpopular; that is the man (or woman) who will always try to go one better than the last speaker. He (or she) has apparently to cap everything that is said. A person may mention that his uncle has a wooden leg. "Oh, that's nothing," breaks in the capper. "My uncle has two wooden legs." This kind of thing becomes very tiring in time. There comes a moment when you wish to hit the capper very hard upon the head with some blunt instrument.

The popular person does not try to monopolise his motto is "Live and let live." He is willing to give and take; and, above all, he has that priceless gift of tact, or sympathy—call it what you will—which no one can be popular without.

Claude Gant

BOMBS KILL 10,000 CROWS

Okemah, Okla.
More than 10,000 crows were killed when the state fish and game department bombed a roost in the northwestern part of Oklahoma county, Game Ranger Roy Collins has announced.

HORSE DIES OF HEART FAILURE

Lorain, O.
Dolly, a big bay horse, served 15 years in the shafts of a dairy wagon, surviving uninjured a freight train collision which demolished the wagon she pulled. She died in the traces of heart failure.

PROFANITY EDITED DOWN

Sudbury, Ont.
"Hell" is not a profane word any more according to Crown Attorney E. D. Wilkins. He said the word is used in the best clubs and hotels in the land and that he had often heard it in the presence of ladies.

HONGKONG PRISONS CROWDED

Accommodation Taxed Severely

Beds Set Up In Corridors

Last month women prisoners at Lai-chikok were sleeping three and four in cells built for one inmate; they even slept in rows in the corridors. At present the prison contains 200 women—double the number it was built for.

Yesterday's roll call at Stanley Prison was answered by 2,086 male prisoners. Stanley Prison was built to hold 1,500 inmates. At present they are sleeping three in a cell and 200 cells are still without locks. The prison was opened nearly two years ago.

These facts are indicative not so much of growing crime in the Colony as of the frequency of prison sentences as punishment of drug and forestry offences. It is understood that plans to extend Lai-chikok Prison are tentatively being considered but this does not apply to the men's prison which, in its present form at Stanley, was expected to be adequate to house all the male offenders of the Colony.

An official stated yesterday that he did not think the influx of refugees to the Colony had much effect on the prison population which was mainly drawn from people convicted of stealing wood and having unlawful possession of drugs.

A few weeks ago there were 200 inmates of Lai-chikok Women's Prison and special arrangements for sleeping had to be made, beds being laid along the corridors. The number is now down to 200 and the prisoners are now sleeping in cells.

The position at Stanley Prison is much as it has been for months. The roll call was 2,086 yesterday but a few weeks ago it was over 2,500—a thousand more than the accommodation limit intended.

It will be recalled that the Lai-chikok Men's Prison was closed over a year ago and Victoria Gaol has been closed for some months.

STILL STUDYING PRODUCTION OF OIL FROM COAL

A brief debate took place in the House of Lords on the recommendations of the Falmouth Commission, which recently reported on the various methods of extracting oil from coal. The Lord Privy Seal, Earl De La Warr, for the Government, agreed with other speakers regarding the vital interests of the question, and to the nation in a time of war, and also in a time of peace. He was unable to say what steps the Government proposed to take regarding the Commission's recommendations.

He recalled that the committee did not refuse to consider any of the processes of extracting oil from coal providing they had reached a stage from which it was possible to draw economic conclusions, and he added that the Government had the whole question under serious consideration, and was at the present time taking action and was examining a number of methods, but he could not go into details.

Referring to the suggestion that the country's oil supplies were no better than they were a few months ago, Earl De La Warr assured the House that not only had service stocks gone up, but the government had been giving attention to conjuncting with the oil companies, to increase the oil stocks. As a result of consideration also had been given to the rationing of oil in time of war. Progress had been made on all these questions.—British Wireless.

BRUTAL GUARDIAN SENT TO PRISON

Appearing on remand before Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning on a charge of assaulting Li Fook, her seven-year-old nephew, in Shek Kai Lane on Tuesday, Wong Yee-mui, 37, kept woman, was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

His Worship remarked that the condition of the child showed that he had been grossly ill-treated. The boy bore cane marks on his body and legs, as well as bruises on the cheeks and stomach.

Mr. H. W. Fraser, attached to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, prosecuted.

DIVAN KEEPER CONVICTED

Arrested following a raid by revenue officers in Tai Nam Street last week, Tang Chi, 22, unemployed, was convicted on charges of the possession of 51 heroin pills and also on a charge of keeping an opium den. Mr. Q. A. A. Macdonald, at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day, sentenced him to a total of \$100 or four months' hard labour. Revenue Officer Warden prosecuted.

15 Countries Ready To Aid Refugees

Generous Response To U.S. Invitation

London, Apr. 6. Fifteen countries have replied favourably to the invitation of the United States Government to concert methods for providing assistance to political and Jewish refugees from Austria, according to a statement by Mr. R. A. Butler in the House of Commons.

These countries include the Argentine, Belgium, Colombia, Dominica, France, Guatemala, Haiti, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Salvador, Sweden, and Uruguay.

Mr. Butler added that the Government would make the best possible use of this opportunity of co-operating with the United States.—Reuter Special.

HOUSE OF COMMONS STATEMENT

London, Apr. 6. The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs Mr. R. A. Butler answered several questions in the House of Commons to-day about refugees from Austria. Mr. Butler said that 15 countries, namely the Argentine, Belgium, Brazil, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, France, Guatemala, Haiti, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Salvador, Sweden, and Uruguay, had replied favourably to the United States invitation to consider methods for providing assistance to political and Jewish refugees from Austria.

It was part of the United States proposal that financing of emergency emigration should be undertaken by private organisations in the respective countries. Mr. Butler also said that the British Government would make the best possible use of the opportunity of co-operating with the United States. The British Government would naturally be sympathetic to any proposal for Jewish immigration into Madagascar, which had the approval of the French Government, but did not contemplate approaching the French Government on the matter.

Mr. Butler hoped to make an early statement of the question of Austrian refugees receiving the protection of the League of Nations. The British Government was ready to do its part in such international action as was possible for dealing with the problem of refugees from Germany, but did not consider feasible steps to secure for racial minorities in Germany full civil liberties either through direct negotiations or through the machinery of the League of Nations, as suggested in one question.

The Colonial Secretary Mr. William Ormsby Gore, answering a question on a similar subject, said he had no information as to how many Jews from Vienna and other parts of Austria had landed in Palestine, or any mandated territory since March 12, but the conditions of immigration into Palestine were well known, and applied to Austrian Jews in the same way as to Jews in other parts of the world.—British Wireless.

British Workers Asked to Help Spain Loyalists

London, Apr. 6. The Amalgamated Engineering Union representatives, which recently met the Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence, Sir Thomas Inskip, have issued a manifesto appealing to their members to work voluntary overtime on behalf of the Spanish Government. The manifesto, which is a long document, suggests that workers who cannot afford to give money, should give their time, work and skill, to make things for Spain.

REMOVAL OF ARMS EMBARGO URGED

The Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, and the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, met members of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress at the Foreign Office this afternoon. The Foreign Secretary put forward a suggestion regarding the removal of the embargo on the despatch of arms and munitions to the Spanish Government. A general discussion of the Spanish conflict in all its aspects then took place, and Lord Halifax explained in detail the British Government's point of view.—British Wireless.

7,100 CIVIL PILOTS IN ENGLAND

London, Apr. 6. The Under-Secretary for Air, Colonel Mulholland, answering in the House of Commons to-day, said that on January 31, there were approximately 7,100 flying members in the Royal Air Force. He said that a subsidy payment had been provided for a financial year to pilots of light aeroplane clubs.—British Wireless.

ADMIRALS EXCHANGE FORMALITIES

Shanghai, Apr. 7. Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble, British Commander-in-Chief in the China waters, who arrived here on April 5, paid a courtesy call on Vice-Admiral Hasegawa in the flagship, Isumo, yesterday morning. His call was returned 20 minutes later aboard Sir Percy Noble's flagship, H.M.S. Cumberland.—Reuter.

JAPANESE SHORT OF MUNITIONS

Chinese Confident Of Victory At Taiorchwang

Haichow, April 7. The second Chinese counter-offensive on the north Tientsin-Pukow railway front has resulted in a high Chinese military commander in an interview with a Central News war correspondent yesterday.

The commander predicted the early total annihilation of the Japanese troops around Taiorchwang, who are running short of ammunition and are encircled by Chinese.

At the beginning of the second general counter-offensive, the commander revealed, the Chinese forces purposely withdrew southward to the Grand Canal to entice the Japanese troops farther into the interior and then enveloped them from their sides.

The counter-offensive was slowed down several days ago by the arrival at Shanghai and Lanlingchen of several thousand Japanese reinforcements from the west bank of the Yi River in south-east Shanghai, as part of the Chinese forces had to be diverted to cope with these new enemy units, the commander recounted.

In a series of attacks the Chinese forces have now practically wiped out the Japanese reinforcements and "mopping up" operations against the remnant around Taiorchwang are progressing apace. He estimated that no fewer than 10,000 Japanese troops had been slain at Taiorchwang since the second general counter-offensive was started on March 24.—Central News.

Japanese Dead Number 4,000

Haichow, Apr. 7. Attacks and counter-attacks have been going on with undiminished violence around Taiorchwang on the north Tientsin-Pukow Railway front during the last two days, resulting in alarming increases of casualties on both sides.

Competent military observers believe that the casualties on both sides at Taiorchwang are the heaviest at any single point of contention along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway.

It is estimated that since the Chinese troops launched the general counter-offensive on March 24, about 10,000 Japanese troops have paid with their lives to check the Chinese advance. During the last two days alone, more than 4,000 Japanese troops have been slain in close-range fighting with the Chinese.

Crack Chinese troops under the command of General Tang En-po and Sun Lien-chung, won another significant victory over the Japanese yesterday. In a series of bayonet charges from early morning to evening the Chinese routed some 3,000 Japanese troops north-east of Taiorchwang. Quantities of arms and ammunition were seized.

Though in a furious counter-offensive a force of Japanese, fighting desperately, succeeded in breaking through the Chinese cordon, it was immediately surrounded by Chinese reinforcements, which rushed up.

On the night of April 6 Chinese "dare-to-die" troops broke into the Japanese defence lines under cover of darkness. Hurling their hand grenades, they slaughtered many. Confused fighting took place and Japanese were reportedly killed by their own comrades.

According to reports from the front, up till late last night many isolated Japanese units around Taiorchwang had been either wiped out or dispersed and the main body of the Japanese were massed in villages north-east and north of the town.—Central News.

Chinese Re-Take Village

Tunglu, Apr. 7. Chinese forces recaptured a village near Taunglu, north of Changchun on the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway, yesterday morning.

More than 100 Chinese women and children refugees in the village were escorted to places of safety after the recapture.

It is reported that following a fierce battle, in which bayonets were freely used, the Chinese captured Liong in the vicinity of Siao, north of Fuyang, yesterday. As a result, the Chinese troops now command the highway between Hangchow and Fuyang.

It is also learned that having gained a foothold at Haiyen, Chinese guerrillas are now vigorously pushing towards Pinghu, north of Chapei.

Altogether eight Japanese warships are now anchored off Chapei, three of them destroyers.—Central News.

Chinese Pushing Northward

Lini, Apr. 7. After repulsing a Japanese onslaught yesterday, Chinese forces at the Lini sector are now rapidly pushing northward.

Throughout yesterday, the Japanese directed gunfire at the Chinese positions in that sector, but the Chinese troops stubbornly stood their ground.—Central News.

Chinese Troops In Tsinan

Haichow, April 7. Tension is reported to reign in Tsinan as a result of the arrival of a column of Chinese troops in the suburb.

The Chinese troops pushed up to Tsinan by way of Changling on the south bank of the Yellow River.

The Japanese garrison stationed at a point six miles southwest of Tsinan was routed by the Chinese troops on April 4, and the railway station at Palmation about three miles from Tsinan was once retaken by them.

Assisting the Chinese advance, a squadron of Chinese planes heavily

Navy's Married Officers To Get Benefits

Bachelors To Suffer. But No Complaints

London, April 6. Replying to questions in the House of Commons regarding the effects of the proposed scheme, Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, First Lord of the Admiralty, said that orders will be issued to the Fleet on April 8 to provide an increase in the rate of marriage allowance for naval officers, which will be payable in certain instances to ensure that no married officer ashore will suffer.

A White Paper will be issued as soon as possible. Every married officer ashore will be better off under the scheme than before, and no married officer ashore or afloat will be worse off. The only ones who will be worse off are the bachelors, and it is to their credit that not a single complaint has come from them.—Reuter.

Ogpu Strikes In Paris

TAXIMAN - GENERAL WROTE 'MY KILLER IS—J'

The mailed fist of the dreaded Soviet OGPU has again struck at the White Russian colony in Paris. Recently the French police came to the conclusion that Alexis Tchimerine, 50-year-old ex-general in the Army of the Czar and latterly a Paris taxi-driver—whose body was taken from the Seine, was strangled by Russian agents and flung into the river.

He had been missing from his home for more than a month. Among papers found in his pockets was a sealed letter addressed to the Metropolitan Eulogios (a Russian priest), in which a meeting was arranged for January 18 with the present head of the White Russians, M. Erbelly, and General Denikin.

"A GREAT SECRET"

According to the letter, Tchimerine was to reveal to them a "great secret." The letter was dated January 17. In his letter he continued:

"Confidentially at the underground station Ternes (in Paris) you will drive the car because I fear something will happen."

On a card in the dead man's pocket was written: "I am going to work. It is necessary I should look over my car. Perhaps a trap is being prepared for me. In any case when I return I shall leave a note indicating that my room has been searched during my absence. But no one has called. It is very mysterious."

2 MURDERS

According to the police, it would take a month for Tchimerine's body to float down the Seine from Paris to the Sevres Bridge, where it was found.

It is thought that Tchimerine's death is connected with the recent kidnapping of General Miller, former head of the White Russian colony, and who vanished from his office and whose body is believed to have been sent in a packing-case in a Soviet ship to Moscow. Exactly 7 years previously General Koutievoff, head of the White Russians before General Miller, disappeared similarly.

EDUCATED MONKEY KNOWS HIS STUFF

San Francisco. Mike, a South American monkey at the local zoo, has learned to smoke and will put his footprints on any contract calling for his photo and a caption reading: "I find a (name brand) relaxes me."

bombed the pontoon bridge and other Japanese military establishments around Tsinan yesterday. The raid aroused nervousness to the city.—Central News.

Japanese Ambushed In Anhwei

Chengyangkwan, April 7. Several Japanese units have been ambushed by Chinese forces at points east of Tingyuan in Anhwei during the past few days.

On April 2, more than 200 Japanese troops and 20 armoured cars passed through Hsuehchiatien, near Chiuangchiao. Chinese soldiers lying in ambush there descended on them and at the same time exploded mines.

About 80 Japanese soldiers were killed, and 20 wounded. Japanese tanks were damaged. About 40 Japanese soldiers were also killed and 10 tanks destroyed on April 3 in another Chinese ambush.

A Japanese attempt to cross the Yangtze River from Sinkowchen opposite Wuhu was frustrated by Chinese on April 5.—Central News.

Japanese Casualties Big At Chefoo

Peiping, Apr. 7. Reliable British sources at Chefoo, confirm that there was fighting on April 2 and 4. They state that the Japanese casualties were heavy.

It is added that the Japanese warship arrived too late on April 5 to render practical assistance.—United Press.

RADIO BROADCAST

At the Black Dog" And Other London Relays CHILDREN'S HOUR

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0.35 Interval of recorded Dance Music from Z.B.W.

0.45 (a) It must be love; (b) The love bug will bite you; (c) Where is the sun; (d) How could you?

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Blow The Man Down; Tom's Gone To Hilo (Arr. Terry); Lowlands; Highland Laddie (Arr. Taylor); Harris; Rio Grande (Sea Shanty); Billy Boy (Sea Shanty) (Arr. Terry).

7.10 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.13 Violin and Piano Solos. Preludes, Op. 28 (Chopin); Waltz In A Flat Major, Op. 42 (Chopin); In A Flat Major (Chopin); Introduction Et Rondo Capriccioso, Op. 28 (Saint-Saens); Renee Chemet (Violin) accom. by Harold Craxton (Piano).

7.30 London Relay—The Gang Smasher—Episode 1. "John Martinson Takes A Hand". A radio serial adapted by Jack Ingalls from the novel The Gang Smasher by Hugh Clevely. Production by John Chettle.

7.50 Songs by Richard Crooks (Tenor).

The Green Hills Of Ireland (Shields—Del Riego); Bird Songs At Eventide (Barrie—Conner); Good-Bye (Whyte—Melville—Tosti).

8.0 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Chinese Programme—Studio Concert.

11.0 Close Down. Radio Programme Broadcast by Z.B.W. on a Frequency of 640 Kilocycles.

8.03 Light Variety. Comedian with—In A Paradise For Two (From the Film); Orchestra. When You Hear Music (From "Paradise For Two"); Jack Hulbert; (dies For Two); Irving Berlin.

Memories; Al Bollington at the Organ; Vocal—Must I Then (Folk Song); How Can It Be (Folk Song); Comedy Harmonists; Dance.

Orch.—Hot Lips—Fox-Trot; Airtel; Misbehavin'—Fox-Trot; Airtel; Let's Get It On (The Club Of France); Django Reinhardt (Guitar); Stephano Grappelly (Violin).

8.30 London Relay—"At The Black Dog".

Mr. Wilkes at home in his own parlour. Presented by Pascoe Thornton and S. E. Reynolds.

9.0 Musical Comedy.

Porty And Bess—Selection (G. Gershwin); Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orchestra—Vocalists; Anne Ziegler and Webster Booth; The Town Talks—Selection (V. Ellis); Vocal—Vaudeville Theatre Orchestra with Donald Stewart cond. by Dennis van Thal.

9.15 London Relay—"World Affairs". A talk by H. Wickham Steed.

9.30 London Relay—"The News".

9.50 Mozart—Symphony No. 29 In A Major.

Played by the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham.

10.15 Songs by Maria Muller (Soprano).

Traume (Wagner); I'm Treibhaus (Wagner).

10.24 Light Orchestra, Variety And Dance Music.

Orch.—Karella Suite, Op. 11—Intermezzo (Sibelius)—Alla Marcia. London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Walter Goch; Vocal—The Sunshine Of Your Smile (Thompson); Come Sing To Me (Thompson); Orch.—Southern Skies (Kunneke); Red Lips (Kotscher).

Barnabas Von Gezy and His Orch.; Orch.—The First Time I Saw You—Fox Trot (From "Toots New York"); Gone With The Wind—Fox-Trot (From the Film); Roy Fox and His Orchestra, vocal refrain by Denny Dennis.

11.0 Close Down.

ALTERNATIVE NAMES

Washington, Apr. 6. Mr. John N. Garner, United States Vice-President, has named Senator Arthur Capper and Senator Lynn J. Frazier to take the places of Senator Borah and Senator McNary on the joint committee to investigate the Tennessee Valley Administration. The latter returned to serve.—United Press.

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P.K. HUI BECOMES THE NEW BADMINTON CHAMPION

PATRICK WONG OUT-PLAYED IN SINGLES FINAL UNDERGRADUATE GIVES CONSISTENT DISPLAY

The badminton singles title changed hands last evening when Patrick H. Wong (holder) was defeated by P. K. Hui, of the University, by two games to one on the Tulkoo R.C. court. The undergraduate fully deserved his victory and is a worthy champion, having played consistently well throughout the whole season. As only to be expected from the two best exponents of the singles game in the Colony, the standard of play was high. The match was interesting to watch—a battle between a player, who had the better strokes and greater court-craft, and one who, if not so high up in these respects, was a steadier and faster.

Playing at the top of his form in the first and third sets, Hui won by 15-7, 4-15, and 15-4. He started confidently, retrieving Wong's drop shots with well-placed lobbs which had the champion in difficulties, and very soon took a lead of 8-1. Though Wong improved, he could not prevent Hui from winning the first game at 15-7.

CHAMPION AT BEST

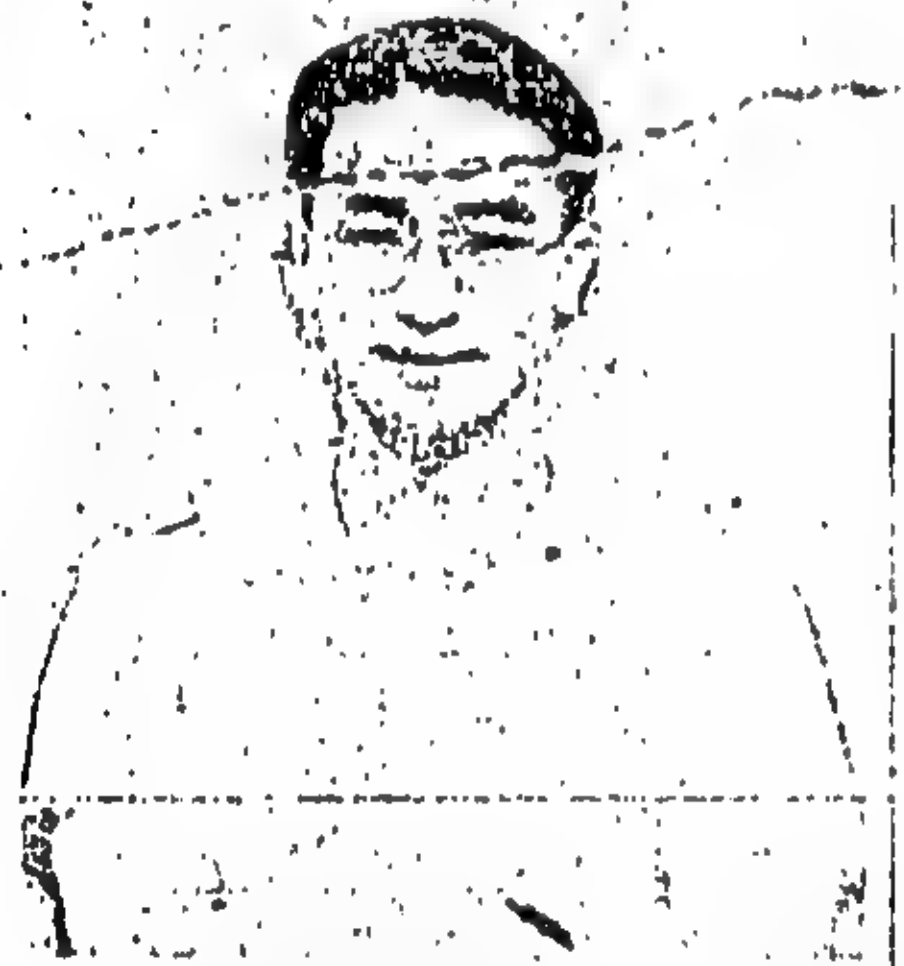
The champion was definitely at his best in the second set, and with Hui attempting to play a short game instead of pursuing his lobbing campaign which was so effective in the first set, Wong went to a lead of 7-0. This proved too big a handicap for the University player, who had to concede the set at 15-4.

In the final set, Wong led 2-0 but from this point he appeared a tired and beaten man. Hui then had matters all his own way, scoring points almost at will. He featured his game with deep lobbing, clever placements and smashes down the lines, winning the set easily at 15-4.

The "Y" player was the better stroke maker, and also had a slight edge over Hui in courtcraft, but the



THE NEW CHAMPION, P. K. Hui, of the University, who became badminton champion of the Colony last evening by beating Patrick Wong.



CHAMPION DEPOSED, Patrick H. Wong, who was beaten in the final last evening.

WOMEN'S TOURNEY

The women's knock-out tournament which was staged in addition to the championship match, was won by Miss M. Xawler and Miss M. Ribeiro, defeating Miss M. Silva and Miss O. Ribeiro in the final. The latter pair commenced well and gave every indication of winning the tournament when they brilliantly beat Miss V. Khoo and Miss W. Cheung in the first round. This was the best game of the lot. The losers were individually clever, but they lost to a finer combination. Miss Silva played her usual fine game, but in no way overshadowed

Home Football

ANOTHER REPLAY NEEDED

East Fife And St. Bernards Draw

London, Apr. 6. Another replay will be necessary in the semi-final tie between East Fife and St. Bernards in the Scottish Cup.

The teams met for the second time to-day and though extra time was played the scores were deadlocked at 1-1.—Reuter.

ENGLISH LEAGUE

London, Apr. 6. The following were the results of matches played in the English League to-day:

FIRST DIVISION			
Liverpool	3	Birmingham	2
Manchester C.	5	Charlton	3

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)			
Crews	1	Chester	0

—Reuter.

CLUB TEAMS

The following are the Club teams for Saturday:

Seniors (v. Police).—L. D. Skinner; Nogaizik, S. Strange; E. Fowler, K. Forrow, D. Hynes; A. Fisher, T. Lamb, F. Fowler, A. Pearce and B. I. Dickford.

Juniors (v. Middlesex).—G. Payne; A. Keown, A. Taylor; C. Carr, G. Milne, G. I. Shaw; G. Duncan, J. Gilchrist, P. Wilson, J. Scott and J. Sloan.

Reserves.—Henderson, Lammert, Kerwin and Hopkins.

her partner, Miss O. Ribeiro. In the final game they seemed to lose their understanding and were caught many times out of position. The winners fully deserved their victory for the fine way in which they played together, taking advantage of every tactical error their opponents made.

Results

The results were: Men's Singles Championship.—P. K. Hui beat P. H. Wong, 15-7, 4-15, 15-4.

Women's Tournament First Round.—Miss W. Wanfate and Miss A. Remedios beat Miss N. Eardley and Miss D. Pollock 21-7; Miss M. Silva and Miss O. Ribeiro beat Miss U. Khoo and Miss W. Cheung 21-11; Miss M. Fraser and Miss Cunningham beat Miss F. Wong and Miss R. Summers 21-5; Miss M. Xawler and Miss M. Ribeiro beat Mrs. N. Castro and Miss S. Remedios 21-9.

Second Round.—Miss Silva and Miss Ribeiro beat Mrs. Wanfate and Miss Remedios 21-5; Miss Xawler and Miss Ribeiro beat Miss Fraser and Miss Cunningham 21-5; Miss Xawler and Miss Ribeiro beat Miss Silva and Miss O. Ribeiro 15-11.

Final.—Miss Xawler and Miss Ribeiro beat Miss Silva and Miss O. Ribeiro 15-11.

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S. A. RUMJAHN IN SEMI-FINAL OF TENNIS SINGLES

Beats Lee Wai-Tong In Two Straight Sets

(By "Abe")

With neither contestant touching his best form, the quarter-final tie in the singles of the Colony Tennis Championships between S. A. Rumjahn and Lee Wai-tong fell short of general expectations yesterday. Though there were some long rallies, the standard of play on the whole was not impressive.

Rumjahn won the encounter by 6-3, 8-6. He should have got through more easily than that. Despite his easy passages in the earlier rounds Lee Wai-tong does not seem to have regained his old consistency since his injury last year; if his stroking is not affected to any great extent, he is now certainly slower than he used to be. And taking advantage of this, Rumjahn went to his points regularly except when he himself became unreliable.

Furthermore, Rumjahn was quick to see that Lee's forehand was seldom capable of hitting winners and by playing him with drives on this wing the former champion's task was made easier. However, if he could not hit a winning drive, Lee could often send over an ailing drop shot which had Rumjahn scurrying to the net. Nevertheless it was from his backhand that Lee won the majority of his points.

OVERHEAD WEAKNESS

A feature of the match was the overhead weakness revealed by both players. Admittedly the lobbing generally was deep enough to prevent them from becoming reckless; but even when lobs were tossed up in the forecourt neither was able to smash them with certainty.

Comment On Colony Selections

Some Players Taken On Reputation

After the Interport trial on the Club ground last Sunday, the following players, with the exception of the right half, were practically nominated as the Interport XI to represent Hongkong against Macao on April 17:

Ramzan (K. I. T. C.); Wallace (R.A.F.), Suckley (Middlesex); M. H. Hassan (Radio) (T); W. A. Reed (Club); M. H. Malik (K.I.T.C.); S. A. Fowler (Club); Douglass (R. Scots); G. H. Fowler (C.B.A.); Parlaub (Kumaons) and Pynra Singh (K.I.T.C.).

I will base my views on the trial and selections. To begin with, the selectors after two trials may regret the policy of nominating certain players on reputation and not on ability. If such is and has been the case, why have trials at all?

According to his display last Sunday, Ramzan is worth his place in



Ghulam Rasul, the Rajputana Rifles stalwart, is the man the selectors should choose as right back for the Colony.

goal. I am sorry Dobson failed to make it. The inclusion of Wallace at right back has caused some comment as he is clumsy with his tackling and very slow with his recoveries. Why Ghulam Rasul, after two trials, has been omitted, I fail to see. The Indian is faster, a clean tackler, and in partnership with Gonsalves gave a better exhibition than Wallace did last Sunday. Parlaub (Whites) at inside left made rings round Wallace and in the second half when Whitworth (Colours) was seen on the left wing, he gave Wallace a

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CHAMPIONS FORTUNATE TO DRAW

Rest Concede Goal In Early Stage

On the U.S.R.C. ground, following the junior game, the Senior Champions and the Rest shared two goals in a one-sided encounter.

Within three minutes the Champions were very fortunate in finding the net through Mrs. Read. In attempting to stop the ball which was going across the goal mouth, Mrs. Lunson had the misfortune to kick it into her own goal, thereby giving the Champions an early lead.

The Rest, however, got going and the "Y" defence were soon experiencing a strenuous time. Miss J. Lakeman came to her side's rescue and saved a certainty from Mrs. White. The "Y" goalie was excellent and when challenged in this half always emerged with honours. Miss M. McCaw at centre half and Mrs. Burke at right back were also potent factors until the interval arrived, with the "Y" still in the lead.

SECOND HALF SUPERIORITY

Although the Champions got within shooting range five minutes after the resumption, Mrs. Lunson in the Rest goal was reliable and cleared two pile-drivers from Miss M.

Hockey Association Council Meeting

The usual monthly meeting of the Council of the Hongkong Hockey Association will be held at St. Andrew's Church Hall to-day at 6 p.m. All members are requested to attend as the final arrangements for the forthcoming Interport with Macao will be made.

Smith and Mrs. Read. Taking up the offensive, Mrs. White soon equalised off a centre from Miss E. Churn.

With the exception of one break-away by Mrs. Read, when with only Mrs. Lunson to beat, she made a mess of things, the Champions were never in the picture. The left-flank combination of Miss Smith and Miss Westcott failed to function with the same smoothness which had made them famous throughout the season. Miss V. Drabury, on the opposite flank, was made to play a long game, receiving poor support from Mrs. Burnett at inside right. The chief difficulty was that Mrs. Read, as leader, could make no headway against Miss Pope, the Rest centre-half. Mrs. Burke was very strong in defence, and Miss J. Lakeman had a busy time in goal, bringing off some clever saves.

The Rest defence, Miss G. White and Miss B. Parsons in particular, deserves credit for holding up the fast "Y" forwards. Miss I. Woolley gave a splendid display at right half and always had the Smith-Westcott combination well under control. Miss Pope was a clever constructive pivot and had an excellent understanding with her colleagues with regard to team-work and positional play. Miss J. Wong on her left also did good work. The attack, with Mrs. M. White as leader, was full of life and thrust. Miss F. Wong and Miss E. Churn were the most dangerous.

The Rest team played well and were decidedly the better side.

Brawn Cup Champions Defeated

Win For Rest By The Odd Goal

The best game on the U.S.R.C. ground at King's Park last Saturday was that between the C.B.S. "A" Brawn Cup champions, and the Rest. Schoolgirl supporters were in force and though the Champions suffered their first defeat of the season, a fast and interesting game was seen.

After ten minutes' play, Mrs. Williams gave the Rest the lead following a delightful move by Miss Remedios on the left wing. The Champions replied 15 minutes later when Miss M. Booker, at centre-forward, eluded Mrs. Gunby and Mrs. Slater to equalise with a fast drive.

There was little to choose between the teams, though the Rest dictated the course of play up to the interval. On resumption, the Rest were early attacking and Miss Ewing, on



Miss Nora Wicheell, C.B.S. "A" pivot, was the best defender for the Junior Champions last Saturday.

the right wing, cut her way clean through the opposite defence to test Miss Pasco with a hard drive. Miss Pasco stopped the ball on the goal line, but in attempting a clearance had the misfortune to deflect it into her own goal.

SCORE EQUALLED

Soon after the crowd were delighted when Miss M. Booker again took advantage of an opportunity to break through and equalise with a low drive which had Miss Barros beaten all the way. The last goal for the Rest—a thoroughly well-deserved one—came as a result of a break-away by Miss Ewing down the right wing. Drawing Miss D. Watson and Miss Paterson, Miss Ewing sent in a beautiful centre which Mrs. Williams connected on the run to give her side victory.

The Champions, despite many opportunities that came their way, could not wipe off the arrears and full credit must be given to the winners for their brilliant victory. The Rest owed a good deal to their backs, Miss J. Broadbridge and Mrs. Slater. The latter especially kept a cool head in the second half and at crucial moments made splendid clearances. Miss P. Lawson was her usual self at right half, with Mrs. Gunby a hard-working pivot. Miss

NOTES OF CURRENT INTEREST

AS Mr. G. T. Palmer, the Hon. Secretary of the H.K.I.A., is at present in Canton on business, there will be no International Tournament games played this afternoon. He will, however, be back in time for the final Interport trial, to-morrow.

PORTUGAL suffered a serious setback in their first International encounter with China last Friday when they were without the services of J. M. Pinto, their centre-forward. He had left the Colony and is now on his way to Goa.

GEORGE Cox of the Royal Corps of Signals left for Home on the trooper Dilwara last Monday. He assisted the Y.M.C.A. and St. Andrew's in friendly games and was a splendid half back.

I HAVE read that Macao is anxious of meeting the Combined Services after the Interport with Hongkong. I would suggest they play the Rest of the Colony instead. The Services were beaten by the Civilians this season and several of their men will also be included in the Interport the previous day, whilst a Rest team would include no Interporters and would make a better and stronger representative side.

THE ladies ended their season last Saturday with two very interesting games when the Rest Juniors defeated the Champions (C.B.S. "A") and the Rest Seniors drew with the Champions (C.B.S. "A"). I shall comment on ladies' hockey in my notes next Thursday.

Enid Watson, the left half and youngest girl in the team, did her best. Mrs. Williams, though slow, played a good game at centre-forward and made many nice openings. Mrs. Ackroyd made a dashing inside right.

The Champions did not impress as they have been doing. The attack was out of gear; only Miss B. Houghton on the left wing and Miss M. Booker at centre forward were prominent. Miss N. Wicheell as pivot and Miss D. Booker on her right were the most impressive of the halves. Little Miss F. Pasco in goal had a bad day and was too inclined to clear anything at random. Though defeated, the Champions gave a plucky display.



Miss J. Broadbridge played a sterling game at right back for the Rest Juniors last Saturday.

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Mr. J. R. Mason, a former Kent captain, is the county cricket club's new president for the coming season. His election to that office, and the urgent need for economy to ease the financial situation, were the chief points in the annual general meeting of the club in London.

John Richard Mason was one of the finest amateur all-rounders who played for Kent since the days of Alfred Mynn.

He first played for Kent in 1893 and five years later succeeded Frank Marchant as the county leader, a position he held for five years. His business as a solicitor prevented him from playing first-class cricket after 1908.

The retiring president, Mr. G. L. Mackeson, spoke strongly on the question of finance and pointed out that every effort had to be made to economise wherever possible. As a result of this drive about £150 per annum is to be saved by withdrawing complimentary tickets hitherto sent to members for use at any Kent ground during the season.

Reference was made to the fact that Fagin has recovered from illness and that J. G. H. Clark is to captain the team during the coming season.

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The Arsenal were weak in no respect. Collett, at left-half, kicks the ball enormous distances and dribbles thoughtfully. Griffiths, too, at outside-right, did well in scoring two goals, and Carr, at inside-left, has struck up a happy partnership with Bastin. Drake and Carr scored the other two Arsenal goals, the latter the one by which Arsenal led at the interval.

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The tone of the market: Very dull.

The halves with Hassan, W. A. Reed and Malik form quite a brilliant trio. Hassan played a good constructive game last Sunday and if he fails in the next trial Gorman comes in.

What will be the next move in the event of failure by the Middlesex player? Presumably a reversion to Hassan. Again Whetton who gave a splendid display the previous Sunday is dropped and Brown

A meeting of the General Committee of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association will be held in the Board-room of the South China Morning Post Ltd. to-day at 5.30 p.m. to make arrangements for the forthcoming season.

nose for noos." "The Go-Getter" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—This show might have been better, but it is still a creditable one. Some of the scenes are amusing and kept on our even tempo by the work of George Grant, Charles Winninger and Anita Louise.

"Night Key" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—Bela Koff abandons his usual make-up and plays a "straight" role, and the result is just as effective.

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arrival with a big reputation, having represented the Services at Home. He certainly did not live up to his reputation! And what about Whitworth of the Navy? He proved too fast for Gonsalves and Wallace on the left wing, and yet he was passed over.

He is my choice as a left winger, with Parinub as inside-left and G. H. Fowler at centre-forward. There is still a last moment change that could be made, i.e. Pyara Singh at inside-left and Parinub in his usual position on the left-wing. This should solve the problem. Maybe I am being unduly pessimistic about Hongkong's chances, but after observing the Macau XI as advertised in this paper two days ago, and knowing the team as well as I do, one

A practice game will be played on the U. S. R. C. ground to-morrow against the Kumaoi Rifles. The above mentioned team is requested to make a prompt appearance at 5.30 p.m. Gorman of the Middlesex is also asked to attend. Those unable to appear should either inform Mr. Henderson, Harbour View, or Mr. A. M. Xavier, P. & O. Bank.

The junk and cargo were taken in tow by the Japanese trawler.

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WHAT HAS HAPPENED BEFORE
Evacuating the white residents of Baskin, which has been attacked by Chinese bandits, Robert Conway, the British Consul, with his brother, George, and three others are kidnapped by plane by a strange Mongol pilot. Eventually the plane comes to ground two thousand miles in the interior of Tibet. The pilot dies and the party is rescued by Chang and some porters from a nearby monastery at Shangri-la. The monastery, they discover, is an idyllic place of rare beauty sheltered in a valley surrounded by forbidding mountains.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY Chapter Five

As his eyes became accustomed to the dimness Conway saw that he was in a darkened, low-ceilinged room. Sombre, indistinct tapestries draped the walls and, before he had completed his inspection of the apartment, he was startled by the sound of a soft, friendly voice.

"Good evening, Mr. Conway," it said. In the next moment the door of the room, scarcely visible, opened and the figure of an old man made out the figure of an old man.

"Please come in," the voice continued. "Sit here—near me. I am an old man and can do no one any harm."



"I have been waiting for you for a long time, my son," the High Lama said. (Passed by Ronald Colman and Sam Jaffe.)

"At the moment," Conway said, "I am interested in only one thing. When you are to leave here?"

"Exactly. I personally have found your community very pleasant but my friends are rather odd. I wish to know the mystery of it all. They should like to leave as soon as possible."

The High Lama turned to a tray at his side and began to pour some tea. "Support I should tell you," he said, "that neither you nor your friends are ever to leave Shangri-la."

Conway accepted the tea. "I understand you already suspect your being here is no accident and naturally you are curious as to why you were brought here," the Lama continued.

"Naturally."

The High Lama slipped his tea and put it down. "I should like to tell you the story of the founder of Shangri-la. His name was Father Perrault and he was a Capuchin Friar. In 1713 he was on an exploring trip and stumbled into the valley here—half frozen to death."

With his returning strength, the valley began to interest Perrault and he quickly dismissed all ideas of leaving. He stayed here and preached Christianity—they were mostly Buddhists, you know—and he met with considerable success.

"Then one day he became tired with a new ambition. He conceived the idea of building a monastery on this site. Finally, in the midst of the valley people, he undertook the task single-handed. For years he hobbled up and down this hill, carrying rock, mixing his own mortar, working fourteen hours a day—busy, cheerful, energetic person. It was completed in 1738 and Perrault came here to live. That was nearly two hundred years ago."

"Now, it so happened that about that time a second European wandered into the valley—a young explorer for noble birth, high culture and much charm of manner. This valley's peacefulness and utter freedom from worldly cares attracted him. And when he met Father Perrault, a beautiful friendship developed."

"They worked out more ambitious plans for Shangri-la. Between them, they devised the method—which still exists—of obtaining anything they needed from the outer world. They began an art collection as well as our library and musical acquisitions."

"I suppose," Conway suggested, "they made payments in gold."

"Yes. They were fortunate in possessing a metal which is held in high esteem in other parts of the world."

"In such high esteem," Conway said, "I am amazed they escaped a gold rush."

"Perrault, too, feared that. But he soon discovered that his concern was unwarranted. You see—beyond the pass—the country is so

treacherous that, at most, only a few half-hard wanderers ever survived the journey. It was decided, therefore, that strangers might come freely—with but one proviso. The Lama paused and looked directly at Conway. "That having arrived—they were not to leave."

Over a period of years such strangers did come to Shangri-la—among them many Europeans. In time, under Father Perrault's guidance, Shangri-la became an active and happy community.

"One day, when he was a very old man, the news spread that Father Perrault was dying. A pall settled over the valley and Perrault lay in his room—frail, withered and physically helpless. He gathered a few close friends around him and bade them farewell. Then he asked to be left alone. He was ready, willing and even glad to die. But something strange and miraculous happened. Father Perrault did not die."

He lay for many weeks without speech or movement. Then he began to recover. He was a hundred and eight."

"The reason he gave was simple. He assumed that as he had not died at a normal age—there was no discoverable reason why he should do so at any definite time in the future. That being the case, he behaved without concern for the end."

The High Lama paused and smiled at Conway. "Can you guess anything after this long and curious story of mine?" he asked.

Conway, who has been staring intently at the Lama throughout the long story, shook an affirmative. "Yes," he said in a barely audible voice. "It seems impossible but I can't help thinking of it."

"What is it, my son?" the Lama asked.

"His voice filled with awe, Conway replied: 'That you are still alive, Father Perrault!'

"There was a long silence before the Lama resumed: 'Since then,'

he said, 'others have found that the Lama lived here in tranquillity, undisturbed by the insane tempo of the outer world.'

"But what's behind it all?" Conway asked. "Why were we brought here?"

"We were forced upon us. Since the Great War, exploration in Tibet has been practically at a standstill. We have had no newcomers. It was suggested that someone be sent to bring you back."

"Who had that brilliant idea?"

"Sandra Blizet. She has read your books many times. She was a poor found admiration for you—and so have we all. And I have been informed that you have shown a deep admiration for her."

"But of what possible value can I be to what is already a thriving community?" Conway asked.

"We are more than that," the Lama explained. "Ours is not an aimless existence. We have a dream and a vision. It is the vision that Perrault saw as he lay dying in his room in 1739."

"He saw all the nations of the world strengthening—not in wisdom but in vulgar passions and the will to destroy. He foresaw the time when man, exultant in the technique of wholesale homicide, would rage so hotly over the world that every precious thing would be in danger. The vision he saw was no vivid that there stirred in him a new life—and he returned with a vigorous pledge to preserve what treasures of art and beauty he could against the abyss into which the world of the future inevitably was tumbling."

"Believe me, that vision will come true. To a great extent it has already come true. Is there anything more pitiful than the world today?"

What blindness—what madness—what unintelligent leadership! A scurrying mass of bewildered humanity crashing headlong and purposeless against each other.

"In time, my son, that orgy must spend itself—brutality and lust we weary the strength of a sword. That is why I am still here—that is why you were brought here. Because, my son, I am placing in your hands the destiny of Shangri-la."

"You, my son, will live through the storm. And when the world is weary of the storm, a struggle begins its blind search for solace and understanding. It will fall gratefully into the outstretched arms of Shangri-la."

The voice of the Lama faded to nothingness and Conway, thoroughly engrossed, waited for it to continue. After a lengthy silence, he looked up at the Lama. The glow had faded from Father Perrault's face and nothing remained but a tranquil, dark-shadowed mask.

Father Perrault was dead.

(To be concluded.)

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WHAT is your face value?
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Do you take an intelligent interest in faces? They are a fascinating study—whether they be good-looking or otherwise—and there is a great deal to learn about them.

"Close-Ups"

THE films, no doubt, are teaching the ordinary person much concerning particular types which are selected for some special "appeal" or other, and made uncommonly familiar by enormous magnification in "close-ups."

But knowledge gained in this way can be only superficial if it is not supported by an understanding of physiognomy.

Whenever we meet people for the first time we find ourselves almost automatically forming an estimate of their character from what we see in their faces.

If our perceptions are acute we may get to know the best and worst about them within the space of a few seconds. For every feature tells part of the story of what they are.

Now there are people who, because they are well aware of their shortcomings, strive constantly to "wear a mask," as we say.

This is pathetic—and futile. No one can conceal his true nature. Cunning individuals may endeavour to put off our natural judgment at fault by assuming what they believe to be a guileless expression; but the

effort will be in vain; no real deception could be possible.

If we are really intelligent, with a well developed faculty of comparison, people's faces are open books to our eyes, and we shall be ready to stake our very lives on the certainty of what we read therein.

HENRY OSCAR
If he had not been an actor he would have been a scientist.

base—for there is the seat of most of the propensities which make for happy married life: love of home, love of children, devotion to spouse, loyalty, and affection.

And a promising type of man for a husband? Well, there are certain facial characteristics which one would do well to look for.

Every woman, I think, really desires masterfulness in a husband, but that quality must be tempered with humour and a capacity for gentleness.

They should be, in a "good" type, well curved, not deeply set, nor

Watch the Eyes
FOR this excellent combination the nose and mouth—the nose would be high-bridged, with wide nostrils; the mouth fairly wide, with a long, straight upper lip, and a full lower lip.

The shape of the chin is important—it would have to be square, with a tendency to an inward curve; a pointed chin often indicates either craftiness or constitutional weakness.

The eyes are unfailing indicators of the emotional and moral nature of a person.

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It might well be, however, that all these good characteristics would count for little if the head itself happened to be flatish on top and at the back.

A tight mouth is a sign of the critic, and when it goes with a long nose, sharpening at the point, a capacity for keen analysis is indicated. The two characteristics are often seen in the faces of judges.

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When every employer realises that the shape of a man's nose, or eyes, or mouth can tell truthfully what he is capable of doing there will be no more square pegs in round holes.

Nose as Guide

DID not Napoleon choose his generals by their noses? Probably he knew little about physiognomy, but at least he perceived that men with strong, large noses would be determined and aggressive fighters. Witness Wellington!

Sometimes I have been asked to give a portrait of a girl who would probably make a good wife or of a man (and this more often) who would be most likely to suit as a husband.

The task is full of difficulties, of course, but it is not impossible; the requisite types may be indicated.

For example, one might be fairly safe in saying that the type likely to succeed as a wife would have

FOREHEAD rounded at the top, denoting reasoning power, and consequently reasonableness;

EYES set well forward, indicating facility in language, so that she would be a good conversationalist;

NOSE either straight, with nostrils well-defined, suggesting appreciation of beauty and nobility—or a slightly turned-up nose suggesting amiability, vivaciousness, and a happy disposition.

CHIN full and well-rounded, expressive of strength of purpose and loyalty, and promising fortitude in adversity.

The head of this type would, almost inevitably, be fully rounded at the back, especially towards the

long, straight-up forehead and sharply cut nose; the intellectual and receptive regions in the front of the brain are well marked.

Eyebrows are very importantly revealing; that being so, the fashion among women of having their eyebrows plucked and "pencilled" may well be a very unwise one, for it can so easily suggest quite false—and possibly most unfattering—qualities of character to the trained physiognomist.

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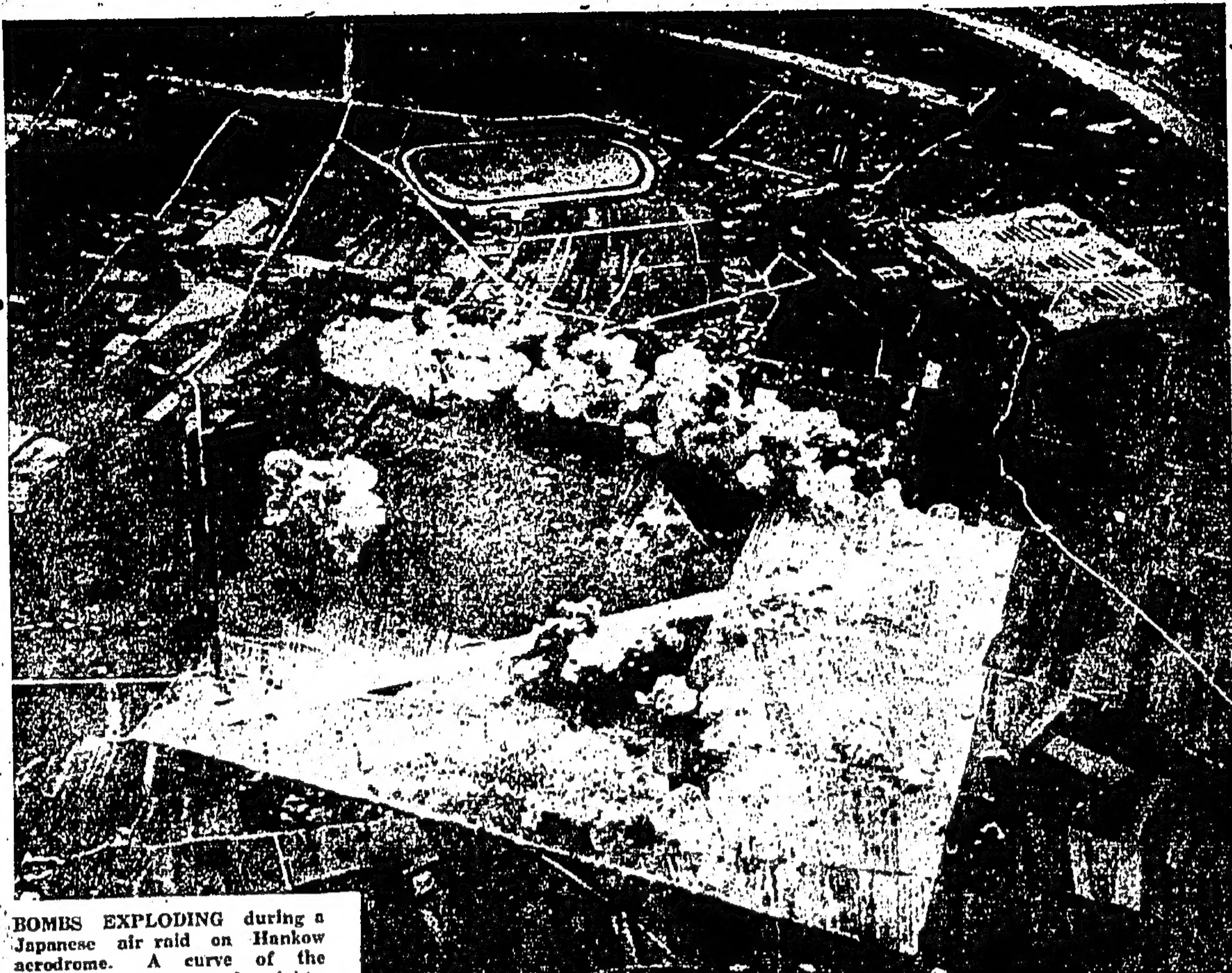
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**HAPPENINGS
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THE CAMERA'S EYE**



BOMBS EXPLODING during a Japanese air raid on Hankow aerodrome. A curve of the Yangtse River is on the right.



OFF TO ST. JAMES'S—Joseph P. Kennedy, new United States Ambassador to the Court of St. James's, London, as he left New York aboard the United States liner Manhattan. The ship was manned by members of the CIO unions recently criticizing him.



JAPANESE TROOPS ON THE MARCH—This photograph, taken in Shantung, shows some of the difficult country where recent fighting has resulted in severe Japanese reverses.

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CORFU	14,500	11th May.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*SOUDAN	6,000	21st May.	B'bay, M'selles, Havre, L'don, Hull, H'bg, R'dam & A'werp.
CHITRAL	10,000	28th May.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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**CANTON
AREA
BOMBED**

Canton, Apr. 6.

In addition to bombing the cement works at Salchuen to-day which the Chinese authorities state were not hit, Japanese planes also looted a number of missiles at Tienho aerodrome, north-east of Canton.

Apparently with the intention of undermining the confidence of the people and the Central Government, the Japanese planes dropped leaflets expressing surprise that no Chinese planes opposed the Japanese raiders in South China.

The message, which was addressed to the general public, asks: Where has the Chinese air force gone to? What is it doing? Every day Japanese planes fly over South China, but

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They have not seen a single Chinese plane.
It concludes by alleging that "Chiang Kai-shek has been aviciously extorting money from the people under the pretext of manufacturing planes, but actually it has been spent for nothing but the benefit of Chiang's associates."—Reuter.

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Conservative For London Unopposed

But Labour Wins West Fulham

London, Apr. 6. Sir George Broadbridge, last year's Lord Mayor of London, has been elected unopposed as Conservative M.P. for the City of London, in succession to the late Sir T. V. Bowater.—Reuter Special.

Labour Wins Seat At West Fulham

London, Apr. 6. The West Fulham by-election, owing to the death of Sir Cyril Cobb, resulted to-day in Dr. Edith Summerskill winning the seat for Labour, with 16,583 votes against Mr. C. J. Busby (Conservative), who polled 15,126.

This was a Labour gain, as in the previous election, Sir Cyril Cobb won the seat as a Unionist with a 3,483 majority over Labour and Liberal candidates.—Reuter.

PRAGUE PROTEST TO NAZIS

Propaganda Posters Resented

Prague, Apr. 6. The Czechoslovakian Government has protested to the German authorities against the display of posters and placards on trains entering Czechoslovakia from Germany. The posters, which are Nazi propaganda, declare that the people of Czechoslovakia have one doctrine and one ruler for one people. The Czechoslovakian Government requests that the propaganda be removed at the German frontier stations before the trains are allowed to enter Czechoslovakia.—Reuter Bulletin.

SUDETEANS STILL INTRACTABLE

Prague, Apr. 6. A communique has been issued stating that Dr. Milan Hodza the Czechoslovakian Premier, has failed to effect a rapprochement with the Sudetens.—United Press.

U.S. Accepts Anschluss

Asks Germany To Pay Austria's Debts

Washington, Apr. 6. The United States has declared its acceptance of the Austro-German Anschluss in a note presented to the German Government. The note asks Germany to pay Austria's debts. The State Department announces that the note in no sense constitutes a de jure recognition of Austria's conquest, and it is therefore no departure from the principle to which the United States is committed, that there must not be recognition of territorial changes effected by armed force. Another note states that the United States Embassy in Vienna will henceforth be changed to a Consulate-General.—Reuter.

Fresh Strikes In Trinidad

Georgetown, Apr. 6. Further strikes are occurring in Trinidad, where workers in the sugar factories are demanding an increase in wages ranging from 15 to 20 per cent. Employers have declared that the increase demanded is impossible owing to the low price of sugar in the world market. A conference between employers and representatives of the workers, which has been held, has been postponed indefinitely.—Reuter Bulletin.

Ambassador Calls On Governor

M. Paul Naggiar, French Ambassador to China, paid a call on His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, yesterday. The Ambassador has intimated that he is in the Colony on private business only and does not wish to make any public statement. To-morrow afternoon he is continuing his voyage by the Savorgnan de Brazza to Haiphong from which port he will visit Indo-China.

BOAT WOMAN FINED

Kow Khe, mistress of a passenger junk, was fined \$5 at the Marine Court this morning by Mr. T. W. A. Hoggwood on a charge of having carried six passengers in excess.

TEST CASE CHALLENGE TO JAPAN'S AUTHORITY

U.S. Consul-General's Actions Being Closely Watched

Shanghai, April 7. The American Consul-General has made representations to the Japanese authorities, requesting a full investigation into the censorship banning the Shanghai Evening Post in the mails. The result of this investigation is being closely followed, since it is felt the Evening Post incident raises the whole question of Japanese rights to interfere with foreign mail.

In an editorial on the confiscation, the Evening Post yesterday declared that the authorities of the Evening Post received an indication that the ordinary postage payment made by them for transmission of the banned copies will not be refunded. Further that there will be no compensation for the papers confiscated. The newspaper says it has reason to believe the papers were destroyed.—Reuter.

TOOK NO ACTION

London, April 6. Replying to Mr. Arthur Henderson in the House of Commons when he drew attention to the excesses and outrages by the Japanese troops during their conquest of Central China, and asked whether the Government intended to protest to the Japanese Government, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs said all the reports received of these excesses in Nanking, Shanghai and Hangchow related to events prior to February 7, when a similar question was put. The Government had not made representations, but the Japanese themselves had despatched a high officer to Nanking and Hangchow early in February, and Mr. Butler said he understood that as a result conditions had now improved. He trusted the despatch of this high officer would prevent future incidents of this sort.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS NEWS

LABOUR VICTORY GIVES PARTY RENEWED HOPES

London, Apr. 7. Labour to-day is rejoicing at the result of the West Fulham by-election, the eighth Labour gain in 45 by-elections since the last general election. It is pointed out that Labour has not lost a seat in a by-election in two years and the result at West Fulham is regarded as an indictment of the Government's foreign policy. The Daily Telegraph, however, attributes the defeat of the Conservatives to the Opposition campaign of misrepresentation and declares there is no reason to suppose the country would follow the example of West Fulham.—Reuter.

RUMOUR OF RAID DENIED

Inquiries made by telephone at Canton Government offices to-day revealed that there is no official knowledge of any Japanese raid at Tonkwan or at any other point on the Kwangtung coast, in spite of rumours that naval landing parties were attempting penetration somewhere north-west of Macao.

Britain Can't Refuse Arms To Japanese

Provisions Of Treaty Of 1911 Explained

London, Apr. 6. Replying to Mr. Riley (Labour) in the House of Commons to-day, Captain Evan Wallace, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, said that eight licences for the export of war material from the United Kingdom to Japan had been issued since July 1, 1937.

The total value of arms and ammunition, military and naval stores, registered as being consigned to Japan from July 1, 1937 to February 28, 1938, was £21,000.

Mr. Riley asked whether, in view of the fact that the Japanese Government was carrying on an aggressive war, the League should issue licences to an aggressor.

Captain Wallace replied that under the Anglo-Japanese treaty of 1911, no prohibition may be imposed on exports to Japan, unless a similar prohibition applies to all destinations.—Reuter.

ALLEGED ATTACKER CHARGED

Held For Attempt To Rob Foreign Woman

Resulting from the attack on Mrs. R. E. Spence last night, when a Chinese threw pepper in her face and tried to snatch her handbag in Austin Avenue, Tsang Fo, 38, ricksha coolie, was charged with attempted highway robbery when he appeared before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

At the request of Detective Sergeant E. S. Brooks, he was remanded for 24 hours.

ROOSEVELT WANTS HUGE SUM TO AID BUSINESS

New York, Apr. 6. President F. D. Roosevelt will shortly ask Congress for \$1,500,000,000 to attempt to revive American business, according to the Daily News Washington correspondent. The money would be granted to states and cities as loans without interest to finance housing and public works.—Reuter.

26 SMALLPOX CASES REPORTED FOR YESTERDAY

Number of cases of small-pox reported since January 1 was brought to within 91 of the 2,000 mark yesterday when a further 26 cases were reported.

Fourteen were in Kowloon, ten in Victoria, and one each in Shaikwan and the New Territories.

Apart from small-pox, the Colony was particularly free of notifiable diseases, only one case of meningitis being reported from Victoria, two cases of diphtheria from Victoria and two cases of measles each in Victoria and Aberdeen.

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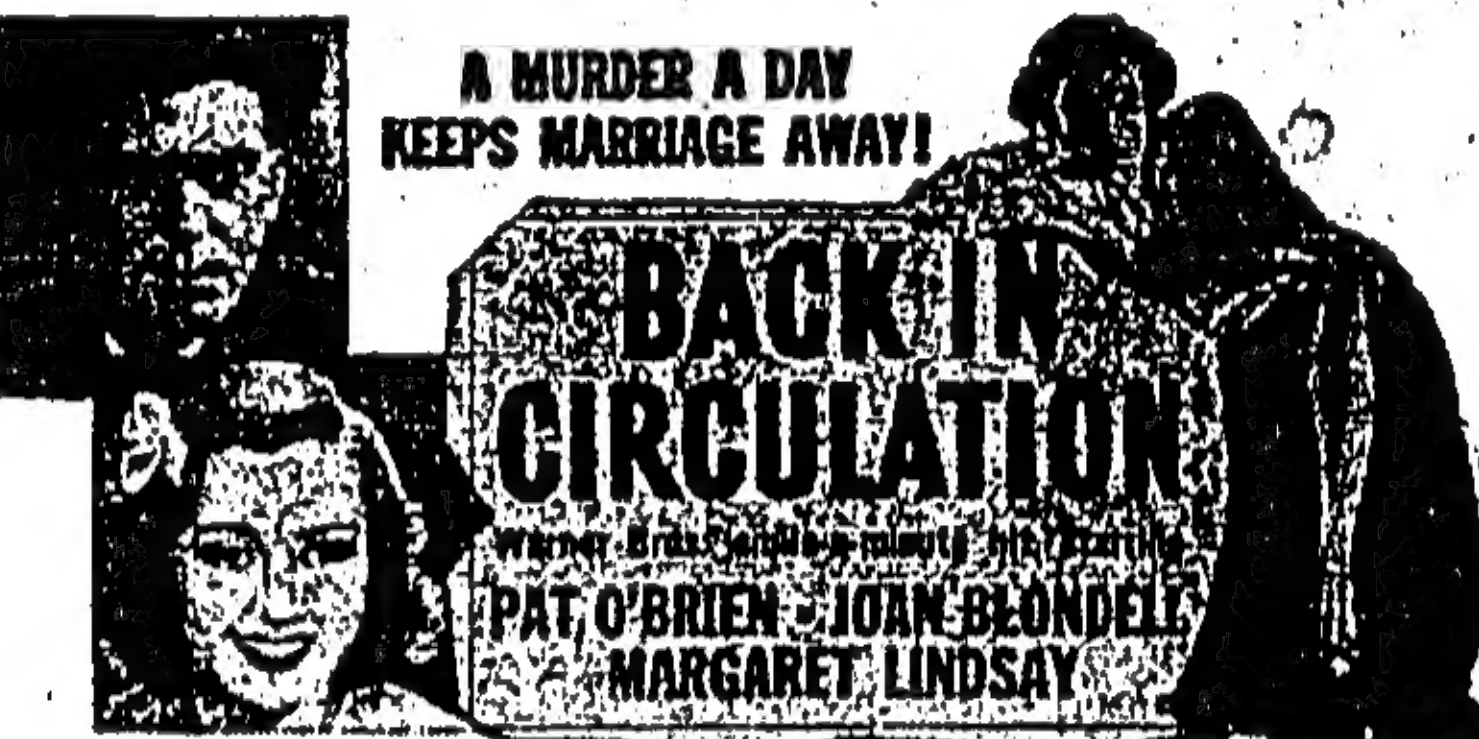
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Expressions Of Loyalty Pouring In

Hankow, Apr. 7. Telegrams congratulating Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Mr. Wang Ching-wei on their election as General Executive and Deputy General Executive of the Kuomintang respectively, and pledging support to them, have been pouring in from various provinces and municipalities.

Among them are those from the Kuomintang Headquarters in Shanghai, Kwangsi, Szechwan, Shanghai and Kiangsi.

General Hsieh Yueh, Deputy Pacification Commissioner for Yunnan and Kweichow, has also sent congratulatory telegrams to Generalissimo Chiang and Mr. Wang.—Central News.

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in touch with the Radio Telegraph Office: Hokutai Maru, Nancy Muller, Aslan, Lenna, Apoc, Burgeland, Himalaya, Patella, Taisungshong, Hellas, Bangloe, Kunisima Maru, Pingwo, Minoo Maru, and Empress Of Asia.

Rome Requests Italian Be Malta's Tongue

Rome, April 6. The newspaper, the Tribuna, in an editorial to-day, appealed to Britain to make compulsory the teaching of the Italian language in the schools at Malta, and the use of the language in the Maltese Government.

The paper added that the Italian language was a sacred heritage of the inhabitants of the island and its compulsory use in Malta, at the instance of the British Government, would bring closer the friendly relations of Britain and Italy.—Reuter Bulletin.

LORD LINLITHGOW GIVEN LEAVE

London, Apr. 6. The Governor-General of India has been granted leave not exceeding four months. He will arrive in England in July, and Lord Brabourne, Governor of Bengal, will act as Governor-General during Lord Linlithgow's absence.

It was recently announced that the Governors of the United Provinces of Sind and Orissa had been granted four months' leave.—Reuter Special.

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